

# The Beatitudes Part 3

# Makararios

Review of part 2

The Blessedness of  
Righteousness

The Blessedness of Mercy

The Blessedness of Purity



# Sermon on The Mount

**This sermon was delivered in the second year of Christ's ministry and near the height of His popularity (Matt 4:23-25)**

**In the second year of our Lord's earthly ministry, He walked up a hill on the northeast shore of the Sea of Galilee and taught His disciples (Matt 5:1-11).**

**The cure for superficiality in all Churches!!**

**The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best-known, but least understood and least followed, of all the teachings of Jesus.**

**Not meant as a feel-good message.**

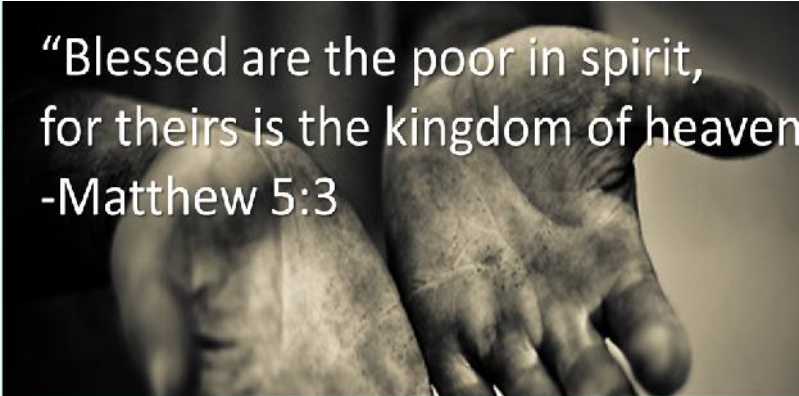
**Makarios by God means the experience of hope and joy, independent of outward circumstances. To find hope and joy, the deepest form of happiness, follow Jesus no matter what the cost."**

**The Beatitudes are a collection of eight characteristics (qualities of life) that separate children of God from the rest of the world (Matt 5:3-12).**


**These are not eight different groups of people (poor, mourners, meek, etc.), but every Christian is meant to manifest every one of these characteristics.**

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**"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven  
-Matthew 5:3**



**Blessed are those who mourn,**

## The Blessedness of Righteousness

**"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled". (Matt 5:6)**

**. As Christians, we realize that the problem with this world is not sickness but sin.**

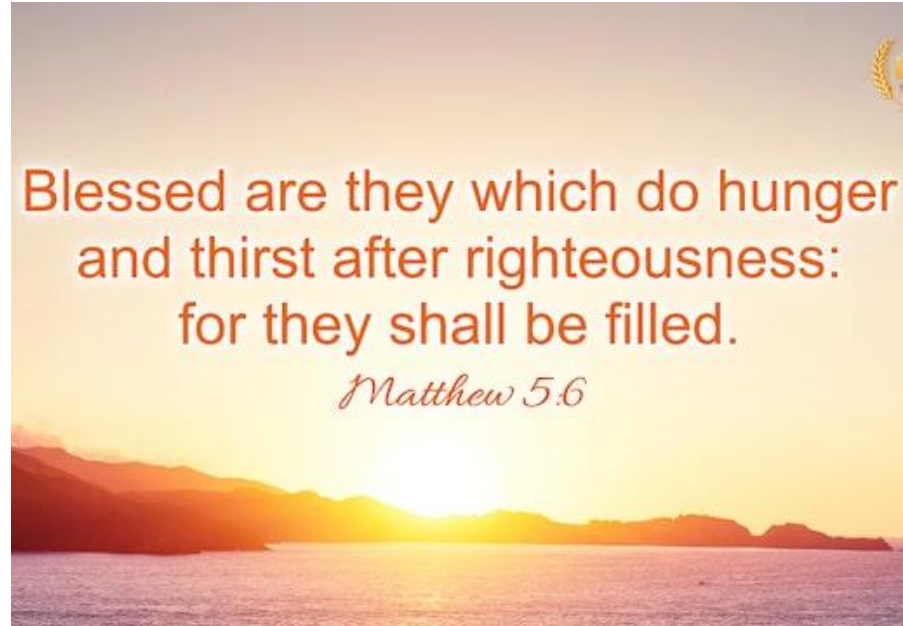
**. We do not live in a sick society, but a sinful society (Rom 3:23; 6:23).**

**. Sin produces fear, guilt, worry, and depression.**

**. The solution is not to offer the world entertainment and psycho-babble to ease their pain, but to show them how righteous living can improve their lives and remove the source of their problem, i.e., sin.**

**"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov 14:34).**

**This beatitude contains a statement to which all the others have led—that righteousness brings happiness.**



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and thirst after righteousness:  
for they shall be filled.**

*Matthew 5:6*


## The Blessedness Of Mercy

**“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Matt 5:7)**

**. Our Lord did not speak haphazardly as He gave us the Beatitudes—they are presented in a definite progression and logical order.**

**. The first four Beatitudes discuss the attitude of those in the kingdom of God, this Beatitude talks about our actions.**

**. “The first four beatitudes deal entirely with inner principles, principles of the heart and mind. They are concerned with the way we see ourselves before God. The last four are outward manifestations of those attitudes. Those who in poverty of spirit recognize their need of mercy are led to show mercy to others (v. 7). Those who mourn over their sin are led to purity of heart (v. 8). Those who are meek always seek to make peace (v. 9). And those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are never unwilling to pay the price of being persecuted for righteousness’ sake (v. 10).”**



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## The Blessedness Of Purity

**"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matt 5:8)**

**This Beatitude holds out the great promise of allowing us to "see God."**

**This Beatitude does not refer to freedom from impurity in our lives, but to a heart that has been enlightened by the gospel of Christ (cf. Eph 1:18).**

**. "Heart translates kardia, from which we get cardiac and similar terms. Throughout Scripture, as well as in many languages and cultures throughout the world, the heart is used metaphorically to represent the inner person, the seat of motives and attitudes, the center of personality. But in Scripture it represents much more than emotion, feelings. It also includes the thinking process and particularly the will...The heart is the control center of mind and will as well as emotion.**

**The gospel emphasizes the importance of a good heart in order for us to be acceptable before God (Rom 1:21; 2:5).**

