

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Lesson 1 – Introduction

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered round Him, and he began to teach.

Jesus explains the “Kingdom of God” at the Sermon on the Mount.

We can find The Sermon on the Mount from the Gospels of **Matthew** (Ch 5: 1-12) and **Luke** (Ch 6: 20-26).

There are two parts to each of them – a statement of who is “blessed” followed by God’s gift to those people. Below are the eight beatitudes and their meanings.

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES & THEIR MEANINGS

1. **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
(Be satisfied with what you have. Share the good things we have with others because God wants us to.)
2. **Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.**
(Comfort those who are suffering. Help others feel better about themselves after a loss.)
3. **Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.**
(Humility-a true sense of who you are. Get the ego out of the way.)
4. **Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.**
(Do what is fair for everyone. Think WWJD)
5. **Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**
(We forgive those who are unkind to us. Look for ways to show kindness to others.)
6. **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**
(We do what is right just because we know it is the right thing to do.)
7. **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**
(We try to bring God’s peace to the world. We control our behavior so people can see Jesus in us.)
8. **Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
(We are willing to stand up for God’s laws even if we are teased or insulted.)