



What Does a Blessed Life Look Like? Part II

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Matthew 5:1-12

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Review





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- The Beatitudes (Latin "beatus" for "blessed") literally means "happy, fortunate," but not a superficial happiness that depends on circumstances, but a deep joy and satisfaction that lasts.

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- a. “poor in spirit”: humbly acknowledging our total spiritual poverty before God; being aware of our own lostness and hopelessness apart from divine grace.

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- b. “mourn”—those willing to admit their sin.

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- Vs.43-48—Pharisees said “Hate your enemies.” But Jesus said, “Love your enemies and pray for them.”

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- h. “persecuted”—those who are willing to accept persecution rather than compromise their biblical convictions.

II. The Inheritance of a blessed life?



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- Kingdom of heaven
- comfort
- inherit the earth
- satisfied
- mercy
- called child of God
- SEE GOD

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- “God sends no one away empty except he who is full of himself”—Dr Barnhouse