

# JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES

## Quote:

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:5-6

## Bible Marking - Matthew 5:1-12

### Vv1-2 - Introduction

Matthew 5:1 - **“Went up into a mountain”** - Lit. - an “elevated place”. See Isa 55:8-11.

**“Disciples came unto him”** - i.e. few responded. Matt 7:14; Matt 22:14; 1 Pet 3:20. Cp future - Isa 2:2-4.

### Vv3-12 - The Blessed

#### Matthew 5:3

Basis: Isaiah 66:2 - A recognition of our total dependence on Yahweh and that there is no strength in flesh. See Isa 57:15; Phil 2:7-9; 1 Pet 5:5-6.

Example: Josiah - 2 Chron 34:27

Reward: **“Kingdom of Heaven”** Matt 8:11; Lk 13:28-29.

**“poor”** = one destitute. From a Greek verb meaning to crouch or cringe.

#### Matthew 5:4

Basis: Isa 61:1-3

Lamenting over:

1. The absence of our Lord - Matt 9:15; Psalm 137:1; Daniel 10:1-3; Psalm 6:3; 74:10.
2. Our own failings (Dan 9:8).
3. State of the world around. (See Lot’s example - 2 Pet 2:7).
4. The Triumph of the Apostasy – Psa 74:10; 94:3; Rev 6:10.

Reward: Rev 21:4

Matthew 5:5 - **“meek”** - a word used of a beast that has been tamed, and made obedient to its master - See Psa 25:9-14; 37:11. Vine says it is, “That temper of spirit in which we accept His dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting” (eg. Num 12:3)

#### Matthew 5:6

Basis: Isa 55:1-3

Meaning: Such people desire and crave righteousness. It involves recognition that we have no righteousness of our own. 1 Pet 2:2-3; John 6:35.

Example: David - Psalm 51:1-3, 13-17.

Reward: Satisfied (Wey). Psa 37:4 - we will get what we truly desire. See also Rev 7:16-17.

#### **“Blessed”** (Colour Blue)

(Matthew 5:3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11)

Means “happy” - This ultimately involves the removal of the curse of Genesis 3:17-19. It involves turning us from our iniquities (Acts 3:25-26); forgiveness of sins (Isa 32:2; Rom 4:8); justification by faith (Gen 12:3; Gal 3:8-9) resulting in life for evermore (Psa 133:3).

**Matthew 5:7**

Basis: **Psa 18:25**

Meaning: First of Yahweh's righteous attributes (**Exod 34:5-7**). All are in need of mercy (**Psa 130:3**). Mercy is the outworking of the love of God (**1 Jn 4:9-11**). We therefore being well aware of our own failings (**Matt 5:3-4**), should be willing to forgive those who trespass against us (**Matt 6:14-15**).

See also **Prov 28:13** – we must also confess and forsake our sins; **Psa 103:17-18** - and remember His commandments to do them.

**Matthew 5:8**

Basis: **Psa 24:4-5; 18:26**

**“Pure”** - Mns “free from impure admixture” (WE Vine). It carries the idea of being purified by fire. Therefore it refers to one who is singleminded – who seeks the Kingdom of God first and foremost. The natural heart is deceitful and desperately wicked (**Jer 17:9**).

**“pure in heart”** - the work of the Father through his Word coupled with the trials of life: **Psa 51:10; Jn 15:3; 1 Cor 6:9-11**.

**“See God”** - ie Will stand acceptable before God manifested in the Son (**Heb 1:3; Jn 14:9**), and be made like him (**1 Jn 3:1-3; Phil 3:21; 1 Cor 15:53**).

**Matthew 5:9**

Basis: Possibly **Isa 59:8** and **32:17**

The only true peace is when a man's mind is brought into harmony with God (**Jas 3:14-18; 1 Jn 1:6-7**). It is therefore part of the fruit of the Spirit (**Gal 5:22**).

**“Children of God”** - ie they reflect the family characteristics of the Father as seen in His Son (**Rom 5:1; Isa 9:6**).

**Matthew 5:10**

Basis: Possibly **Psa 7:9; 31:14-15**

These are those for whom the principles of righteousness means everything. They are prepared to suffer to manifest and uphold God's righteousness (**Acts 14:22; Heb 12:11**).

**Matthew 5:11** - The outworking of the enmity instituted in Eden (**Gen 3:15**).

**Matthew 5:12** - **“rejoice”** = rejoice exceedingly.

**“exceeding glad”** – a very strong word = irrepressible demonstrative gladness.

See **Rev 19:7** - These words are used to describe the joy to be experienced at the end of such suffering. See also **Psa 5:11-12; 68:3**.