

# Matthew 5:1-12, Week 2

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## SERMON NOTES

### Matthew

The King and His Kingdom

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The Beatitudes

#### Pattern of the Beatitudes:

1. Pronouncement of blessedness
2. Condition of the heart
3. Reward or benefit

### Matthew 5:1-6

The Beatitudes, Part 2

The Beatitudes describe the character of those whose values, affections and allegiances have been transferred to King Jesus and the kingdom of heaven.

*“What Socrates called the ‘unexamined life’ that is ‘not worth living’ now seems to be the life more people have slipped into than ever before. Most people, in other words, are happily diverted, but not conscious of it.”*

- Os Guinness, *Fool’s Talk*

*“If I fail to understand this teaching [the Sermon on the Mount], I fail to understand Him [Jesus].”*

- Philip Yancey, *The Jesus I Never Knew*

*“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and His rule.*

*“You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.*

*“You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are — no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.*

*“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.”*

- Eugene Peterson, *The Message: Matthew 5:3-6*

*“Right at the beginning of His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus contradicted all human judgments and all nationalistic expectations of the kingdom of God. The kingdom is given to the poor, not the rich; the feeble, not the mighty; to little children humble enough to accept it, not to soldiers who boast that they can obtain it by their own prowess.”*

- John R.W. Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

*“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
And saves those who are crushed in spirit.”*

- *Psalms 34:18*

*“When I weep in the presence of God, I do so before the face of infinite love, unerring wisdom, unchanging faithfulness, and unfailing kindness; before the Father who sent His Son to save me; before the Son who loved me and gave Himself for me; in the power of the Spirit who pours love into my heart. Weeping can feel lonely; weeping to God never is.”*

- Christopher Ash

*“To us, the meek are precisely the people who do not appear to inherit the earth, because the arrogant have, as always, thrust them aside. In ordinary human experience, those who dare to act as peacemakers in the midst of conflict, far from being blessed, are cursed and deprecated equally by both sides for daring to suggest a new way of seeing things and prising people away from the comfort of their familiar hatreds. And yet, in spite of the way they contradict our experience, our hearts leap every time we hear these words. Something in us stirs, some long-suppressed hope revives, and we know that Jesus is right.”*

- Malcolm Guite, *Why Poetic Imagination is Necessary to Understand Biblical Prophecy*

To all who are spiritually weary and need rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and desire fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to whomever will come –  
this church opens wide her doors and offers a gospel welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.