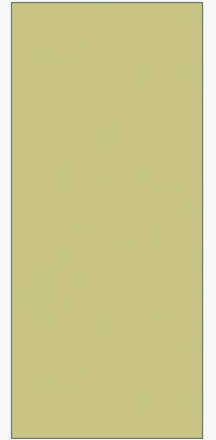




# MATTHEW 5

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Part 3



# THOMPSON'S SUGGESTIONS ON FUNCTION



- Entrance requirements for the kingdom?
- Offering good news and comfort for those who suffer in the present (seems to work for first 4)
- Declarative sentence, followed by a promise
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 4—fulfill certain conditions and enter a new way of life
- New righteousness, interior life

# BEATITUDES ARE EXCLAMATIONS



- “Oh, the bliss of...”
- Almost poetic in nature, and they need to be read with an eye of metaphorical appreciation.
- Dangerous, inaccurate, and unhelpful theologies have been used in the past from them, based on a literal rendering and understanding.

# 1:3 POOR IN SPIRIT

- Closest to idea of “humility”
- Idea is of submission of self
- Undergirds the rest of the Sermon on the Mount!
- **Matthew 11:29**--Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.



# 1:3 – POOR IN SPIRIT

- Matthew 23:12--For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.
- **“Theirs is the kingdom of heaven”**



# 1:4 – THOSE WHO MOURN

- For what? Just broad experience of grieving? (**2:18**)—mourning for justice?
- Heart-burden for the kingdom of God?
- Grieve over their own sins, sins of others?
- **Matthew 9:15; 11:17; 24:30**
- Comforted—**2:18** Only God can



# 1:5 MEEK INHERIT THE EARTH



- “mEEK”—Jesus in **11:29** again
- Strength under control
- **2 Cor. 10:1**- I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!—
- **Colossians 3:12**--Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,



# 1:5 – MEEK INHERIT THE EARTH



- **James 1:21**--Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
- **James 3:13**--[ *Wisdom from Above* ]  
Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.
- **Psalm 37:11**



# 1:7 PURE IN HEART

- Challenges concept of ritual purity
- Gets to fundamental notion of motive
- Impure heart different in Jesus' view of things!
- “heart” is crucial in Matthew's theology
- 17 passages in Matthew
- More than any other gospel writer!



# 1:6 HUNGER & THIRST

- Righteousness not just something you do
- Interior life of kingdom living!
- Metaphor for seeking God
- Seek him first and his righteousness
- Filled—satisfied
- Implies interior peace
- **Matthew 23:10; 27:54--filled**



# 1:8 PEACEMAKERS

- Not just peace lovers!
- At the core is reconciliation
- Kingdom living means taking the initiative to bring about peace
- OT concept of shalom behind this
- **Matthew 5:23, 24** is the example of how this is put into action
- Why is this so important for the kingdom of heaven?

# 1:9 PERSECUTED



- **Insult**
- **Falsely accuse**
- **All manner of evil**
- **Great is your reward in heaven**
- **Prophets mentioned as an example**