

(Matthew 5:1 – 12)

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. He opened His mouth and began to teach them saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before us.

1. We can only live out the teachings of Jesus by the power of God's grace.
2. As followers and disciples of Jesus, we are to follow and obey His teachings.
3. The poor in spirit are those who place their full dependence upon God.
4. Those who mourn are those who are troubled by, confess, repent of, and turn from their sin.
5. The meek are those who are humble because they are aware of their spiritual state and their dependence upon God's strength.
6. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are those who are desperate for God and His righteousness.

7. The merciful are those who have experienced God's mercy and because of this they extend God's mercy to others.
8. The pure in heart are those who have been washed cleaned by the blood of Jesus and have been given a new heart that seeks after Him.
9. Peacemakers are not passive but active in bringing the peace of God to others.
10. Those who follow Christ can expect persecution. But there is hope in the midst of it.

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