

The Sermon On The Mount

Lesson 1

The Beatitudes Character of
Kingdom Citizens
Matthew 5::1-12

Introduction

- The Sermon On The Mount is the best known and extensive teaching of Jesus
- From the background and the sermon itself, we see Jesus is revealing details of the kingdom of heaven, those who would enter and be submissive to God's rule
- Today His church is the visible manifestation of His spiritual kingdom on earth with eternal life awaiting in the future

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Both John and Jesus Preached The Coming Kingdom of Heaven

Mat 3:1 Now in those days John the Baptist *came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying,

Mat 3:2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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Both John and Jesus Preached The Coming Kingdom of Heaven

Mat 4:23 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

Mat 4:24 The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. 4

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Mat 4:25 Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and *the* Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and *from* beyond the Jordan.

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Jesus Continues Preaching The Kingdom In The Sermon On The Mount

Mat 5:1 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

Mat 5:2 He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying,

Mat 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Jesus Continues Preaching The Kingdom In The Sermon On The Mount

Mat 5:10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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Jesus Continues Preaching The Kingdom In The Sermon On The Mount

Mat 5:20 "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 6:10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Mat 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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Jesus Continues Preaching The Kingdom In The Sermon On The Mount

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.

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Jesus' Church Is The Visible Display of The Kingdom of Heaven

Mat 16:18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Mat 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

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The Kingdom of Heaven Is Spiritual and Will Continue In Eternity

Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

2Ti 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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The Sermon On The Mount Then and Now

- As we study, we will see the attitudes and conduct required of those in the first century is the same for us today
- Jesus reveals the righteousness God demands from those who would be in His kingdom
- Are we seeking to display these attitudes and conduct in our lives?

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- Applying these qualities make us blessed, exceedingly glad and happy serving God, not pursuing things in the world
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Poor In Spirit

Mat 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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What Does The Word Poor Mean?

B. Adjective.

ptochos (G4434), an adjective describing "one who crouches and cowers," is used as a noun, "a beggar" (from ptosso, "to cower down or hide oneself for fear")

Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

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What Does The Word Poor Mean?

Luk 16:19 "Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day.

Luk 16:20 "And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,

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What Does The Word Poor Mean?

Luk 16:21 and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

Luk 16:22 "Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

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What Does Being Poor In Spirit Mean?

- Jesus is not speaking of being poor in a physical sense
- He speaks of being a beggar, one who has nothing, in a spiritual sense, knowing he is a lost sinner
- One who is completely dependent on God for all things especially His mercy
- One who is not proud before God but humble enough to beg for His mercy, listen to and obey His Word

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What Does Being Poor In Spirit Mean?

Luk 15:17 "But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!

Luk 15:18 'I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;

Luk 15:19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.'"

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What Does Being Poor In Spirit Mean?

Luk 15:20 "So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion *for him*, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Luk 15:21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

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What Does Being Poor In Spirit Mean?

Luk 18:9 And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:

Luk 18:10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

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Luk 18:11 "The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

Luk 18:12 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'

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Luk 18:13 "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

Luk 18:14 "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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What Does Being Poor In Spirit Mean?

Mat 18:2 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them,

Mat 18:3 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 18:4 "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

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What Does Being Poor In Spirit Mean?

Isa 57:15 For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell *on* a high and holy place, And *also* with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

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What Does Being Poor In Spirit Mean?

Isa 66:1 Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?

Isa 66:2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

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What Does Being Poor In Spirit Mean?

Jas 4:6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

Jas 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Jas 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

Mat 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

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Mourn Over Our Own Sins

2Co 7:9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of repentance*; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of God*, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

2Co 7:10 For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a repentance without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

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Mourn Over Our Own Sins

Psa 51:1 For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.

Psa 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin.

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Mourn Over Our Own Sins

Psa 51:3 For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me.

Psa 51:4 Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.

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Mourn Over Our Own Sins

Joe 2:12 "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "Return to Me with all your heart, And with fasting, weeping and mourning;

Joe 2:13 And rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness And relenting of evil.

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Mourn Over Our Own Sins

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Mourn Over Our Own Sins

1Co 5:1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.

1Co 5:2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

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They Shall Be Comforted Now and In The Future

Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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They Shall Be Comforted Now and In The Future

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

Rev 21:4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

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Blessed Are The Gentle (Meek)

Mat 5:5 "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

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What Does Gentle Mean?

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Thayer Definition:

1) mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit, meekness

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What Does Gentle Mean?

- Being gentle or meek is that spirit that yields itself first to the will of God, restraining self assertion and self-will including violence
- We yield to God even if we suffer
- Genteelness does not come from weakness but from strength in serving God

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Blessed Are The Gentle (Meek)

Mat 11:28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Mat 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.

Mat 11:30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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Blessed Are The Gentle (Meek)

1Pe 3:1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any *of them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

1Pe 3:2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

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Blessed Are The Gentle (Meek)

1Pe 3:3 Your adornment must not be *merely* external--braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

1Pe 3:4 but *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

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They Shall Inherit The Earth Now and In The Future

Psa 37:9 For evildoers will be cut off, But those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land.

Psa 37:10 Yet a little while and the wicked man will be no more; And you will look carefully for his place and he will not be *there*.

Psa 37:11 But the humble will inherit the land And will delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

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They Shall Inherit The Earth Now and In The Future

Mat 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

2Pe 3:11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

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They Shall Inherit The Earth Now and In The Future

2Pe 3:12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

2Pe 3:13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

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Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst For Righteousness

Mat 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

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Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst For Righteousness

Psa 63:1 **A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.** O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psa 63:2 Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

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Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst For Righteousness

Psa 63:3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips will praise You.

Psa 63:4 So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

Psa 63:5 My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth offers praises with joyful lips.

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Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst For Righteousness

1Pe 2:1 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,

1Pe 2:2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

1Pe 2:3 if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

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Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst For Righteousness

Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

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Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst For Righteousness

Col 3:3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

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Impossible For Material Things To Satisfy The Soul

Ecc 1:8 All things are wearisome; Man is not able to tell *it*. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor is the ear filled with hearing.

Ecc 5:10 He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance *with its* income. This too is vanity.

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Only God's Righteousness Can Satisfy The Soul

Php 3:7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Php 3:8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

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Only God's Righteousness Can Satisfy The Soul

Php 3:9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

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Only God's Righteousness Can Satisfy The Soul

2Ti 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

2Ti 4:8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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Blessed Are The Merciful

Mat 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

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Mat 6:14 "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Mat 6:15 "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

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Blessed Are The Merciful

Luk 10:33 "But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,

Luk 10:34 and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

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Blessed Are The Merciful

Luk 10:35 "On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.'

Luk 10:36 "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' *hands*?"

Luk 10:37 And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

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They Shall Receive Mercy

Mat 18:32 "Then summoning him, his lord *said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

Mat 18:33 'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?'

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They Shall Receive Mercy

Mat 18:34 "And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.

Mat 18:35 "My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."

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Blessed Are The Pure In Heart

Mat 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

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What Does Pure Mean?

G2513 katharos

Thayer Definition:

1) clean, pure

1c) ethically

1c1) free from corrupt desire, from sin and guilt

1c2) free from every admixture of what is false, sincere genuine

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What Does Pure Mean?

1c3) blameless, innocent

1c4) unstained with the guilt of anything

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Blessed Are The Pure In Heart

Psa 24:3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place?

Psa 24:4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood And has not sworn deceitfully.

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Blessed Are The Pure In Heart

Mat 23:25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.

Mat 23:26 "You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.

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Blessed Are The Pure In Heart

2Ti 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Act 20:26 "Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

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They Shall See God

Joh 14:7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him."

Joh 14:8 Philip *said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

Joh 14:9 Jesus *said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

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They Shall See God

Rev 22:3 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;

Rev 22:4 they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads.

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Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Mat 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Rom 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

Eph 6:15 and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;

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Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Rom 14:18 For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.

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Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Rom 14:19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

Rom 14:20 Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense.

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They Shall Be Called The Sons of God

1Jn 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

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Blessed Are Those Persecuted For The Sake of Righteousness

Mat 5:10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:11 "Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

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Blessed Are Those Persecuted For The Sake of Righteousness

Mat 5:12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Blessed Are Those Persecuted For The Sake of Righteousness

Heb 11:36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.

Heb 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated

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Blessed Are Those Persecuted For The Sake of Righteousness

Heb 11:38 (*men* of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

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Joh 15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you.

Joh 15:19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

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2Ti 3:12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

1Pe 4:15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler;

1Pe 4:16 but if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

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Their Reward In Heaven Is Great

Act 7:55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

Act 7:56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

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Their Reward In Heaven Is Great

Act 7:59 They went on stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

Act 7:60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.

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