

# The Sermon On The Mount v2

Lesson 2  
The Beatitudes kingdom character  
Mat 5:3-12

## An Overview

1. The setting and theme
2. Defining the kingdom of heaven
3. Contents of His sermon
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## Introduction

- When people were following Him in droves, Jesus began teaching what type of people would be in His kingdom
- In Mat 5:3-12, He states the Beatitudes, attitudes that will make us radically different than the world
- Kingdom citizens must possess all eight qualities stated in Matthew 5:3-12

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## Introduction

- Disregarded by the world, these qualities only come by God's grace through His gospel to those willing to submit to Him
- Applying these qualities make us blessed, exceedingly glad and happy serving God, not pursuing things in the world
- The Beatitudes make us blessed now and for eternity, accepted by a gracious loving God

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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 humble beggar, one who has nothing spiritually, knowing he is a lost sinner, bankrupt before God
- 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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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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## What Does Being Poor In Spirit Mean?

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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## What Does Being Poor In Spirit Mean?

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?

Luk 17:10 "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.'"

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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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## Mourn

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

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## Mourn Over Our Own Sins Against God

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 Against God

**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 Against God

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.

Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

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## Mourn Over Our Own Sins Against God

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

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 Against God

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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## The Beatitudes Kingdom Character

1. Poor in spirit
2. Mourn

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## Gentle (Meek)

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

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## What Does Gentle (Meek) Mean?

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### **Thayer Definition:**

1) mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit, meekness

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## What Does Gentle (Meek) 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, providing us with strength under control

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## Blessed Are The Gentle (Meek)

Exo 32:19 It came about, as soon as Moses came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing; and Moses' anger burned, and he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them at the foot of the mountain.

Exo 32:20 He took the calf which they had made and burned it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it over the surface of the water and made the sons of Israel drink it.

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## Blessed Are The Gentle (Meek)

Exo 32:31 Then Moses returned to the LORD, and said, "Alas, this people has committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for themselves.

Exo 32:32 "But now, if You will, forgive their sin--and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!"

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## Blessed Are The Gentle (Meek)

Num 12:1 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman);

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## Blessed Are The Gentle (Meek)

Num 12:2 and they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" And the LORD heard it.

Num 12:3 (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.)

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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

1Co 3:21 So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you,

1Co 3:22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you,

1Co 3:23 and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

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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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## 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 42:1 **For the choir director. A Maskil of the sons of Korah.** As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, O God.

Psa 42:2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God?

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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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## 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

Php 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

Php 3:11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Php 3:12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 49

## Only God's Righteousness Can Satisfy The Soul

Php 3:13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

Php 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 50

## Merciful

Mat 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 51

## 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. 52

## 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." 53

## Blessed Are The Merciful

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. 54

## Blessed Are The Merciful

Luk 23:34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

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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## 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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## The Beatitudes Kingdom Character

1. Poor in spirit
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5. Merciful

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## 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

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.

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## They Shall See God

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'?"

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.

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## They Shall See God

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.

1Jn 3:3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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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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## 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 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rom 5:2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

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

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## Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Eph 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,

Eph 4:3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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## Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Rom 14:16 Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil;

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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## Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Rom 12:17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

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

Rom 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

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## Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Rom 12:20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

Rom 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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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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## They Shall Be Called The Sons of God

1Jn 3:3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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## 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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## 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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## Why Are Those Persecuted For Righteousness Hated?

Joh 3:19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

Joh 3:20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

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## Why Are Those Persecuted For Righteousness Hated?

Joh 3:21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

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## Blessed Are Those Persecuted For The Sake of Righteousness

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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## Blessed Are Those Persecuted For The Sake of Righteousness

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

Luk 6:22 "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.

Luk 6:23 "Be glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets.

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## Their Reward In Heaven Is Great

Mar 10:29 Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake,

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## Their Reward In Heaven Is Great

Mar 10:30 but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.

Mar 10:31 "But many who are first will be last, and the last, first."

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## Their Reward In Heaven Is Great

2Th 1:4 therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

2Th 1:5 This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.

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## Their Reward In Heaven Is Great

2Th 1:6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

2Th 1:7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

2Th 1:8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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