

# The Lord Blesses These (3)

*“From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” Matthew 4:17, English Standard Version*

Isaiah 55:7 – Are the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_?

## **Matthew 5:8 – The Lord Blesses Those Who Are Pure In Heart**

A. “Pure” means inner \_\_\_\_\_, as well as being \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The importance of being pure in heart:

1. Psalm 24:3,4 – Can we ascend the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_ without clean \_\_\_\_\_ and a pure heart?
2. Habakkuk 1:13 – God is too \_\_\_\_\_ to behold \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Matthew 23:25,26 – It’s not enough to be \_\_\_\_\_ on the outside; it must begin with the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. 1 Timothy 1:5 - \_\_\_\_\_ from a pure \_\_\_\_\_ is the aim.

## **Matthew 5:9 – The Lord Blesses Those Who Are Peacemakers**

A. We typically take peace for \_\_\_\_\_ - until we \_\_\_\_\_ have it. But does peace just happen?

B. A kingdom of peace:

1. Isaiah 9:6 – The Messiah would be the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Colossians 1:19,20 – It took the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ to make peace for us with the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. James 3:17,18 – Those who \_\_\_\_\_ peace will realize a harvest of \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Matthew 5:10-12 – The Lord Blesses Those Who Are Persecuted**

A. Enduring persecution for the Lord:

1. John 3:19,20 – Those who do \_\_\_\_\_ things \_\_\_\_\_ the light; they don’t want their works to be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Hebrews 11:24,25 – Moses \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s people rather than enjoy sin’s \_\_\_\_\_.
3. 1 Peter 4:1,2 – We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves with the example of \_\_\_\_\_. No longer live for human \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Matthew 16:24 – This is how we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves and take up our \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 4:17 – The Beatitudes show how we must \_\_\_\_\_.

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