

The Lord Blesses These (1)

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

The lessons Jesus teaches are a superior _____ through life.

Placing The Beatitudes In Their Larger Context

- A. Matthew 4:17 – The theme of Jesus’ preaching was to _____, for the _____ of heaven was near.
- B. A life distinct from the ways of the world:
 1. Matthew 5:13-16 – Christians are like _____ and _____, both of which are agents of _____.
 2. Matthew 5:21-47 - _____ areas of life are mentioned in which Christ’s followers are to be _____.
 3. Matthew 5:48 – We are to _____ perfect as our _____ is.

Matthew 5: The First Three Qualities The Lord Blesses

- A. **5:3 – Those who are poor in spirit:**
 1. Deuteronomy 6:10-12 – God _____ them that they might _____ Him when they were full and comfortable.
 2. Matthew 6:11- We look to God for our _____.
 3. James 1:17 – Every _____ and perfect _____ comes from the Father of _____.
 4. Revelation 3:17 – They thought they needed _____.
- B. **5:4 – Those who mourn:**
 1. 2 Peter 2:7,8 - _____ was greatly _____ over the _____ of the wicked.
 2. James 4:4,9 – Instead of being _____ with the world, we _____ and weep; our _____ is turned to mourning.
 3. 2 Corinthians 7:10 – Godly _____ produces _____.
- C. **5:5 – Those who are meek:**
 1. Numbers 12:3 - _____ was very _____ - but was he _____? Not at all!
 2. Matthew 11:29 - _____ is _____ and lowly in heart.
 3. Psalm 37:11,9 – Those who are meek are willing to _____ for the _____; they will _____ the land.
 4. 2 Timothy 2:24,25a – Instead of being _____, we must correct opponents with _____.

Daniel 1:8-21 – A superior _____ will show obvious effects in time!

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