

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

# The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

# Outline to the book of Matthew:

## I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

## II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

\*\*\*Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

# I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29

(Matthew 5:1-12)

*“The Blessings of the Heirs of  
the Kingdom”*

# Outline:

1. Important questions
2. The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

## 1- Important questions:

### 1) What is a beatitude?

- A pronouncement of blessing
- Sometimes a reward is included (especially in the NT)
- Often the NT beatitude has an eschatological focus. (cf. James 1:12)
- “A beatitude carries with it an implied command to emulate the type of character on whom the blessing is pronounced,” – Leland Ryken, *Short Sentences Long Remembered*

## 1- Important questions:

### 1) What is a beatitude?

- The proverbs contain many beatitudes, and the general impression of the blessing is living in the light of God's word.
- The Word is now made flesh and sharing His pronouncement of blessings under the context of the offered kingdom.
- “They are pronouncements of blessing upon those Jewish believers who manifest certain spiritual qualities prior to the kingdom's arrival.” - Jeremy Thomas

## 1- Important questions:

1) What is the context?

- The forerunner's ministry.
- Jesus begins His ministry.
- The Kingdom is ready upon national repentance.

## 1- Important questions:

1) What are the structural markers of these blessings?

- There are 9 listed blessings all with rewards.
- vv. 3-10 appear to be an inclusio with vv. 11-12 being distinct.



# Outline:

1. Important questions
2. The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

### 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, v. 3

- Poor = economically disadvantaged.
- Spirit = qualifies this poverty as spiritual. (lit. spiritually poor)
- Not to say they are not spiritually minded but it seems better to see this as a recognition of having nothing to offer God for a spiritual advantage.
- Perhaps a good synonym phrase would be: “spiritually humble.”

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, v. 3

Reward:

- “For theirs is the kingdom of heaven”
- The spiritually humble are the heirs of the kingdom pronounced by Jesus.
- With the inclusio of vv. 3-10, the following blessings are combined qualities that the heirs of the kingdom should have.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, v. 3

Application:

- This applied essentially to all believers. It takes spiritual humility to recognize the need to be saved.
- Is that enough to save someone?
- Are you letting spiritual pride (self-righteousness) get in the way of you simply trusting the savior?

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

### 2) Blessed are those who mourn, v. 4

- “mourn” – πενθοῦντες (present, active, participle,) = mourning ones.
- Grief of any kind is ultimately attributed to the fall.
- The results of the fall will be drastically quelled by the installation of the kingdom.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

2) Blessed are those who mourn, v. 4

Reward:

- “For they shall be comforted”
- “comfort’ is future tense.
- This comfort will be experienced in the kingdom.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

2) Blessed are those who mourn, v. 4

Application:

- Do people experience suffering?
- Do believers experience suffering?
- Believers will be comforted!

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

### 3) Blessed are the meek, v. 5

- Meek does not mean weak.
- “meek” = essentially one who is gentle.
- This describes one who is non-violent.
- Note the kingdom context.



## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

3) Blessed are the meek, v. 5

Reward:

- “For THEY shall inherit the earth”
- The kingdom’s installation is not by the strength or strategy of man, but it will be by the LORD Himself.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

### 3) Blessed are the meek, v. 5

#### Application:

- Do we at times try to force God's will into reality?
- Not to say we don't have a part to play... but is it our job to fulfill it?

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

- 4) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, v. 6
- “hunger and thirst” = a figure of speech referencing a appetite or desire.
  - In this case it is a desire for righteousness.
  - Note, the implication... if someone has a desire for righteousness, they recognize that what they have is not satisfactory. This is absolutely NOT true of the religious leaders.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

4) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, v. 6

Reward:

- “For they shall be filled” (future tense)
- Jesus will ensure that this sort of person will likely receive the gifted righteousness by faith.
- They also will experience the righteousness that describes the kingdom.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

4) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, v. 6

Application:

- Do we hunger and thirst for righteousness personally?
- Do we hunger and thirst for righteousness in all the earth?
- Does God? 😊

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

### 5) Blessed are the merciful v. 7

- A good definition I heard for mercy: “Not getting what you do deserve.”
- The merciful is one who is inclined toward forgiveness when wronged.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

5) Blessed are the merciful v. 7

Reward:

- “For they shall obtain mercy,”
- A major theme of the passages in Scripture that speak of judgment is the just measure of judgment. IN the measure we judge others it will be rendered to us.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

5) Blessed are the merciful v. 7

Application:

- Review of our Wednesday study on imprecatory prayer and cursing.
- Do we sit in God's seat and judge?
- Do we judge with perfect justice?



## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

### 6) Blessed are the pure in heart, v. 8

- “pure in heart” = someone who has been made this way.
- Scripture is clear that no one is pure of heart or can achieve pureness in heart.
- This is however, the result of someone who is justified by faith.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

6) Blessed are the pure in heart, v. 8

Reward:

- “For they shall see God.”
- This quality is shared by someone who has been declared righteous by God because of faith. The result is that they will see God.
- This reward is clearly taught in OT texts regarding the kingdom.
- God will dwell with His people.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

6) Blessed are the pure in heart, v. 8

Application:

- Have you been made positionally “pure in heart?”
- Do you live practically in this position?

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

### 7) Blessed are the peacemakers, v. 9

- Lit. a maker of peace.
- Someone who seeks peace in disagreements with others.
- This quality again has a tone related to forgiveness.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

7) Blessed are the peacemakers, v. 9

Reward:

- “For they shall be called sons of God.”
- “they shall be called” is a future tense.
- Signifying that in the future (during the kingdom) is when this reward will occur.
- Throughout Scripture the mention of inheritance or reward is used to remind the believer to finish well.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

7) Blessed are the peacemakers, v. 9

Application:

- The believer is a child of God.
- The believer must live at peace in the hostile world we live in.
- This was one of Paul's applications toward the end of Romans.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

8) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, v. 10

- This is in the context of Jesus' ministry in Matthew.
- Those who suffer for their association with the Messianic movement.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

8) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, v. 10

Reward:

- “For theirs is the kingdom of heaven”
- Close of the inclusio...
- All these qualities are to exist in the heir of the kingdom.
- The rewards are or will be theirs.
- These qualities are true and inevitable. Jesus is using them to develop His kingdom invitation for that generation.



## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

8) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, v. 10

Application:

- Can believers today suffer persecution?
- What is persecution?
- Do we focus on the glory ahead of us?

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

9) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.” vv. 11-12

- Note the irony... Jesus says you are blessed when they curse you.
- These verses have a tone of warning for those who would follow the Messianic movement.
- But there is encouragement that they are blessed despite their persecution.
- The implication is that they will face resistance and persecution so they shouldn't be discouraged away from Jesus when those things occur.

9) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.” vv. 11-12

Reward:

- “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
- Jesus then pronounces the reward in two facets.
- First, their reward is “great” and “in heaven”
- This is safeguarded and guaranteed by God, and received in the kingdom.
- Second, the prophets of old were persecuted in the same way and so they are in the greatest of company.

9) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.” vv. 11-12

Reward:

- Jesus is preparing His followers for the inevitable persecution they will face because of the growing rejection of the Messianic movement.
- Not much has changed regarding the world’s response to those who belong to Jesus.
- We MUST look forward to glory when we live this life.
- This life is “training for reigning.”



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