
SUNDAY WORSHIP GUIDE
MATTHEW 5:1-12

Sermon On The Mount: The Beatitudes
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Matthew 4:23 – And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people

One Thing:

- **The standards of God's kingdom exposes our need for a savior**

Gospel Thinking:

1. The Expectations of the Kingdom

- The Beatitudes are not just descriptions of Christian ethics for us to consider. Rather, it describes how we need to be changed from inside-out
- Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones describes the Beatitudes as what a Christian is so that we can do what Christ calls us to do
- Blessed (approved by God) are:
 - The poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
 - Those who mourn for they shall be comforted
 - The meek, for they shall inherit the earth
 - Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied
 - The merciful, for they shall receive mercy
 - The pure in heart, for they shall see God
 - The peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God
 - Those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

2. The Challenge of the Kingdom

“The stuff the churches preach is extremely strict and allows for almost no fun without thinking it is sin or not”

“I did not like the essay ‘Sermon on the Mount.’ It was hard to read and made me feel like I had to be perfect and no one is”

“The things asked in this sermon is absurd. To look at a woman is adultery? That is the most extreme, stupid, unhuman statement that I have ever heard.”

- Virginia Owens writes about her student's response, “The bible remains offensive to honest, ignorant ears, just as it was in the first century.”
- The Beatitudes expose our need for a savior

Gospel Living:

1. We need to see Jesus as our hero (Tim Keller)