

Part Two
Lesson 3
“The Sermon on the Mount”
“The Beattitudes”

Scripture to Study: Matthew 5:1-12

Introduction

For the next several lessons, we will be involved in a study of what is perhaps the greatest sermon ever preached. No study of Matthew would be complete without delving deeply into this marvelous oratory. There are several different sections of that sermon...but with each section, Jesus is primarily attempting to get the Jewish nation to go back to a pure obedience of Old Testament Law. Only by so doing would they come to recognize the true identity and value of the Messiah. (By the way, just as John failed in this attempt, so largely did Jesus Christ)

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. How does one show that they are “poor in spirit”?
2. What is the reward of one who displays such an attitude?
3. For what should these mourn?
4. What comfort would be theirs?
5. How can it be said that the meek will “inherit the earth”?
6. How will those who want the truth manifest that desire? How will they be filled?
7. What is the basis of obtaining mercy? Is this always true ?
8. When shall the pure in heart see God?
9. Why would being a peacemaker be a precursor to being called a “son of God”?
10. What attitude would one have to possess in order to be blessed at being persecuted?
11. To whom does Jesus address the sermon on the mount?

THINK ON THESE THINGS:

Define the “Kingdom of Heaven” as completely as you can.

In verse 12, a reference is made to the prophets being persecuted...why do you think that reference is cited?

Is there a specific reason that these Jews were compared to earlier generations of Jews who killed and persecuted prophets?