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Kingdom Power

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

A STUDY OF MATTHEW 5–7

Beauty of the Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12



July 19, 2026



Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



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The Beatitudes

Martin Luther - "Christ is not here giving a command or a law. . . He is describing the condition and the fruits of a true Christian. The Beatitudes are promises of pure grace, meant to comfort the distressed conscience. They show what a Christian looks like when he is empty of his own righteousness and full of Christ."

Charles Spurgeon - "They are not a list of duties to be performed by our own strength, but a chain of graces wrought in us by the Holy Spirit. They describe what we are made to be, not what we are ordered to do."



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Today's Exegetical Process

Terminology of the Beatitudes

Hebrew Poetry - Couplets

Poetic Structure of the Beatitudes

Examine and Analyze Each Beatitude



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Terminology of the Beatitudes

Blessed

Μακάριος – Greek / Beati – Latin / כ-ט (toovei) - Aramaic
blessed, fortunate, happy

Beatitudo – Latin – State of being blessed

אַשְׁרֵי - Ashrei – Hebrew – Psalm 1:1



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Hebrew Poetry - Couplets

Hebrew Couplets – Parallelism

1. Echo – say same thing in different way
“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.” (Psalm 25:4)
2. Contrast – say opposite in Line B
“The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.” (Proverbs 11:3)
3. Developmental – explains, develops, or completes Line A
“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” (Psalm 23:1)
4. Illustrative – provides metaphorical picture
“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.” (Psalm 42:1)
5. Staircase – Line B repeats Line A with a twist at the end
“Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.” (Psalm 29:1)



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Poetic Structure of the Beatitudes

Developmental Parallelism

Sometimes with a contrasting idea in Line B (vv. 3, 5, & 10)

Form of the Whole

8 stanzas in 2 sets of 4

“theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven” at beginning and end

Oratorical

Poetic License - Verb Omission



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πνεῦμα - pneuma
Spirit, spirits, breath,
spiritual, wind

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“poor in Spirit”**



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βασιλεία - basileia
kingdom, royalty, realm
The reign of a King

οὐρανός - ouranos
heaven, sky, air
The Realm of God



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God's Realm is accessible now

The Heavenly Bank is open for business and all of the spiritual funds you need are available now and forever.



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**In all of the spiritual struggles we face
we are blessed; we are favored;
we are more than conquerors because
the Kingdom of Heaven is ours and
Jesus is our King.**

Romans 8:31-39



Next Week!

Agape
Bible
Life
Study

The Beatitudes – Part 2

Matthew 5:4ff.



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