

## Messiah Blesses the Meek and Hungry (Matthew 5:5-6)

Introduction: General introduction to Sermon on the Mount

Review of the first two beatitudes – Jesus blesses empty people

### *Blessed are the Meek*

1. Meekness defined
2. Meekness illustrated: Moses
  - Living meekly before people who differ
  - Living meekly under authority
  - Living meekly before God
3. Meekness illustrated: Jesus chose meekness over power
4. Meekness is not a virtue but a lack
  - God helps those who *cannot* help themselves

### *They shall inherit the earth*

1. Christians already have all things
2. The future certainty of our promised inheritance (Psalm 37:8-11)

### *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness*

1. A word-picture of genuine hunger and thirst
2. Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness? A self-diagnosis
  - Do you see through your own false righteousness?
  - Who do you aspire to be like?
  - What is taking away your appetite?
  - How do you pray?
3. What if you do not hunger and thirst for righteousness?
4. A transition verse
  - Does this speak of imputed or imparted righteousness?

### *They shall be satisfied*

1. A present reality – I am satisfied with Christ alone
2. A future promise (Revelation 21:1-7)