

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, November 22, 2020**

**Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**Message 16. Blessed – Matthew 5:3-10**

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- I. Happy vs. Blessed – Matt. 5:3-10; Luke 6:20-22
  - A. Makarios
    1. Blessed, religious joy, fortunate
    2. Happy, usually in the sense of privileged recipient of divine favor (grace)
  - B. Blessed Are...For
    1. Typical Teaching: if you are poor in spirit, you will be blessed (how to get blessed, how to be happy)
    2. Truth: because you have been blessed (received grace), you will be poor in spirit
      - a. Because of grace, you can now do what you could not do
      - b. The evidence of grace is being poor in spirit, mourning over sin, hungering and thirsting after righteousness, etc.
  - C. Mary's Song – Luke 1:45-55
    1. Blessed is she who believed – vs. 45
    2. Generations will call her blessed – vs. 48
- II. Because We Are a Recipient of Grace – Selected Scriptures
  - A. We Have Believed without Seeing – John 20:29
  - B. We Have Abraham as Our Father – Heb. 6:13-20; Rom. 4:16-18; Gal. 3:7-9
  - C. We Are Able to Read, Hear, Keep, Do, etc. – Rev. 1:3; 22:7, 14; John 13:17
  - D. We Will Suffer for Righteousness Sake – 1 Peter 3:14
  - E. We have Our Sins Forgiven – Rom. 4:7
  - F. We Endure Temptation – James 1:12
- III. Blessed in the Old Testament – LXX
  - A. Trusting God – Psa. 2:12; 32:1-2
  - B. Dwell in God's House – Psa. 84:4-5
  - C. Keep Justice – Psa. 106:3
  - D. Obedient and undefiled – Psa. 119:1-2
  - E. Fears God and Walks in His Ways – Psa. 128:1
  - F. Long For (Wait Expectantly) the Lord – Isa. 30:18
  - G. Enjoy Peace Under God's Rule – Isa. 32:16-20
- IV. Blessed with Every Spiritual Blessing – Eph. 1:3-14 – to bestow divine favor
  - A. Election, Sanctification, Adoption, Acceptance – vs. 3-6
  - B. Redemption, Forgiveness of Sin, Knowing His Will – vs. 7-10
  - C. Inheritance – vs. 11-12
  - D. Hearing, Believing, Being Sealed with the Spirit – vs. 13-14
- V. The Source of Grace – 1 Tim. 6:13-16
  - A. God Alone Bestows Divine Favor
    1. To the praise of His glory – Eph. 1:6
    2. According to the riches of His grace – Eph. 1:7
  - B. Give Thanks! You Are So Blessed by God's Grace
    1. Victory – 1 Cor. 15:57
    2. Each Other – 1 Thess. 1:2
    3. In Everything – 1 Thess. 5:18
    4. Because God Reigns – Rev. 11:15-19

## **Cross References**

### **Luke 6:20-22**

20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: “Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh. 22 Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man’s sake.

### **Luke 1:45-55**

45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.” 46 And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. 50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. 54 He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, 55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever.”

### **John 20:29**

29 Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

### **Hebrews 6:13-20**

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

### **Romans 4:16-18**

16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”

### **Galatians 3:7-9**

7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

**Revelation 1:3**

3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

**Revelation 22:7**

7 “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

**Revelation 22:14**

14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

**John 13:17**

17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

**1 Peter 3:14**

14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. “And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.”

**Romans 4:7**

7 “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;

**James 1:12**

12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

**Psalm 2:12**

12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

**Psalm 32:1-2**

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**Psalm 84:4-5**

4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

**Psalm 106:3**

3 Blessed are those who keep justice, And he who does righteousness at all times!

### **Psalm 119:1-2**

119 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the Lord! 2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!

### **Psalm 128:1**

128 Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, Who walks in His ways.

### **Isaiah 30:18**

18 Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

### **Isaiah 32:16-20**

16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, And righteousness remain in the fruitful field. 17 The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. 18 My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places, 19 Though hail comes down on the forest, And the city is brought low in humiliation. 20 Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, Who send out freely the feet of the ox and the donkey.

### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

### **1 Timothy 6:13-16**

13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, 15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

### **Ephesians 1:6-7**

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

## **1 Corinthians 15:57**

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **1 Thessalonians 1:2**

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

## **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

## **Revelation 11:15-19**

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" 16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying: "**We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.**" 18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth." 19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

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