

BEAUTIFUL ATTITUDES

FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT – LESSON 1



RELIGION IN JESUS' DAY

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| Pharisees | Strict observance of Mosaic Law |
| Sadducees | Religious liberals who rejected the supernatural |
| Essenes | Ascetic people who separated from society |
| Zealots | Fanatical people who believed in political activism |

THE WAY OF OUR LORD

TO THE PHARISEES – TRUE SPIRITUALITY IS INTERNAL, NOT EXTERNAL.

TO THE SADDUCEES – THE RIGHT WAY IS GOD'S WAY NOT MAN'S WAY.

TO THE ESSENES – THE RIGHT WAY IS A MATTER OF THE HEART.

TO THE ZEALOTS – THE RIGHT WAY IS A MATTER OF WORSHIP.

THE WAY OF THE KINGDOM

THE WAY OF THE KINGDOM IS INTERNAL. IT'S A MATTER OF THE SOUL.

1 SAMUEL 16:7

PROVERBS 4:23

WHY STUDY?

IT'S FAMOUS!

- **PERFECT STANDARD OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE – AUGUSTINE**
- **1/4 OF THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP - BONHOEFFER**

MT. TOP PREACHING

ONE OF FOUR SERMONS PREACHED FROM A MOUNTAIN.

EXACT LOCATION – UNKNOWN – LIKELY IN GALILEE

MATT. 4:23

CONTEXT

JESUS OFFERS THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL.

ISRAEL NEEDS TO REPENT.

HOW BELIEVERS TODAY SHOULD CONDUCT THEIR LIVES.

A RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT GOD DEMANDS

THE GREATEST SERMON

DIRECTLY FROM THE LIPS OF JESUS

THREE CHAPTERS OF DISTILLED TRUTH

MOST PROFOUND PART OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

IT FORCES BELIEVERS TO TAKE OFF THE MASK

BEAUTIFUL ATTITUDES

- **FIRST FOUR REVEAL OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD**
- **SECOND FOUR REVEAL OUR RELATIONSHIP TO FELLOWMAN**
- **THE ENDING OF VERSES 3 AND 10, "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"**

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BLESSED?

A. OPTION ONE

GREEK - (MAKARIOS)

“HAPPY, FORTUNATE”

NOTE: 1 TIM. 1:11; 6:15

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BLESSED?

B. OPTION TWO

“FULLY SATISFIED” – ZODHIATES

THE RESULT OF CHRIST’S INDWELLING.

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BLESSED?

C. OPTION THREE

A POSITIVE JUDGMENT BY GOD FOR APPROVAL.

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE POOR IN SPIRIT?

“POOR” – GREEK (PTOCHOS) = ‘CROUCHING LIKE A BEGGAR’

“BEGGARLY POOR”

SPIRITUALLY BANKRUPT

ISAIAH 6 – “WOE IS ME! I AM UNDONE...”

UNDESIRABLE MESSAGE

POOR IN SPIRIT

DOES NOT APPEAL TO MY PRIDE OR SELF-WORTH

POOR IN SPIRIT

A. MAN'S NEED IN SALVATION

MAN'S STRUGGLE IS TO SELF-JUSTIFY

**“NOTHING IN MY HAND I BRING,
SIMPLY TO THY CROSS I CLING.” – ROCK OF AGES**

POOR IN SPIRIT

B. MAN'S NEED IN SANCTIFICATION

**“HAVE YOU REMOVED THE LOG OUT OF YOUR OWN
EYE?”**

POOR IN SPIRIT

C. BECOMING LIKE JESUS

JOHN 5:30; 6:38; 8:50

IT'S ALL ABOUT HUMILITY.

7 PRINCIPLES TO DETERMINE HUMILITY

- 1. WEANED OF SELF**
- 2. LOST IN WONDER OF CHRIST**
- 3. NO COMPLAINTS**
- 4. SEE THE BEAUTY IN OTHERS**

7 PRINCIPLES TO DETERMINE HUMILITY

5. SPEND MUCH TIME IN PRAYER.

6. TAKE CHRIST ON HIS TERMS.

7. PRAISE AND THANK GOD FOR HIS GRACE.

CONCLUSION

TASTING HEAVEN NOW!

**ISAIAH 57:15 – GOD DWELLS IN THOSE OF A CONTRITE
AND HUMBLE SPIRIT.**

IMMANUEL – GOD WITH US!