







# The Gospel of Matthew

## The definition of beatitudes (v. 3)

Being favored by God

Blessing comes from God

Inward contentment not affected by external circumstance

- **Philippians 4:11-13**

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## The placement of beatitudes

They introduce the sermon

They set the stage for the sermon

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## The characteristics of the beatitudes

They are the character of God

They distinguish Christians and Non Christians

They are not natural

They are paradoxical

They are declarations

They are ordered

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## The characteristics of the beatitudes

They are bracketed

They are conditional

They are present-future blessings

They are not arbitrary

They are for all Christians

They are all to be manifested

