

MATTHEW

5:1-12

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1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

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3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

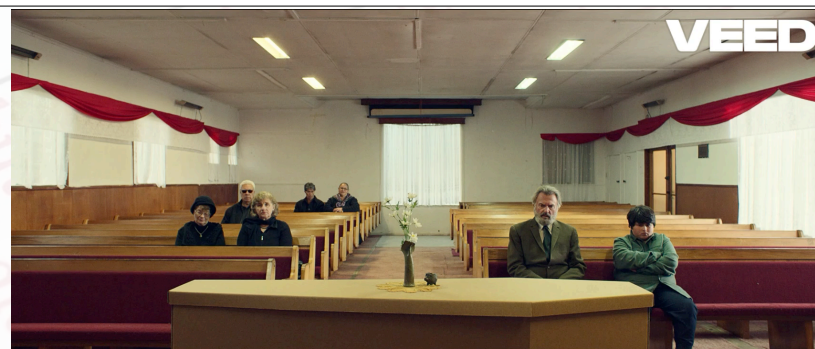
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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11 Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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BLESSED.

FAVORED BY GOD. MARKED BY GOD'S FULLNESS.

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Examine | What is the context?

Emmanuel "God with us"

Jesus is the fulfillment (of all righteousness)

Matt 4:17 "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven has come near."

Jesus invites those listening into the Kingdom of heaven

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Examine | What is the context?

QUESTIONS TO PONDER...

- Who is Jesus talking to?
- What is Jesus saying?
- What does it mean to be blessed?
- What is the Kingdom of heaven?

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Apply | What is God saying to you?

1. Remain in a posture of poverty, relying on Jesus' righteousness alone
2. Seek justice and righteousness as we walk in His blessing
3. Jesus' fulfillment as God totally WITH and FOR us blesses us to bless others

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RESPOND | What is a prayer reflection?

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