



# “THE BEATITUDES: THE BLESSINGS OF THE GODLY GOOD LIFE” (PART I)

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MATTHEW 5:1-4 BIBLE STUDY

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NOT ASHAMED  
OF THE GOSPEL

For whoever is **ashamed of me** and **my words** in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be **ashamed of them** when He comes in His Father's glory with the holy angels.  
(Mk 8:38, AT)





## COMMISSIONED TO COMMUNICATE

18 And having come near, Jesus spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on the earth has been given to Me." 19 Go, therefore, [and] **make disciples of all nations, baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 **teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.** And, listen: I am **with** you always – until the consummation of the age. (Mt 28:18-20, AT)





SERMON ON THE MOUNT  
CONTEXT

From that time on Jesus began to preach,  
“**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has  
come near.**”(Mt 4:17, NIV)





## SERMON ON THE MOUNT CONTEXT

23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, **proclaiming the good news** [εὐαγγέλιον | *euangelion*] **of the kingdom**, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. 24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. 25 **Large crowds** from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan **followed him**.

(Mt 4:23-25, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:1  
SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Then, having seen the crowds, He went up to the mountain. And when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

(Mt 5:1, AT)





## MATTHEW 5:1 SERMON ON THE MOUNT

16 On the morning of the **third day** there was **thunder** and **lightning**, with a **thick cloud over the mountain**, and a **very loud trumpet blast**. **Everyone in the camp trembled**. 17 Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they **stood at the foot of the mountain**. 18 **Mount Sinai was covered with smoke**, because **the LORD [YHWH] descended on it in fire**. The smoke billowed up from it like **smoke from a furnace**, and the **whole mountain trembled violently**. 19 As the **sound of the trumpet** grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.  
(Ex 19:16-19, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:1  
SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Then **God spoke** all these  
words, saying: (Ex 20:1, AT)





MATTHEW 5:1  
SERMON ON THE MOUNT:  
AUDIENCE

28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, **the crowds were amazed at his teaching**, 29 because he taught as **one who had authority**, and not as their teachers of the law. (Mt 7:28-29, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:2  
CHRIST OPENS  
HIS MOUTH

And, He **opened His mouth** and  
began to teach them, saying:

(Mt 5:2, AT)

(cf. Dn 10:16; Job 3:1, 33:2; Ac 8:35, 10:34; Ezk 33:22, Ps 35:21, 109:2; Lk 1:64; Eph 6:19 )





MATTHEW 5:3  
BLESSINGS  
FIRST

I am the LORD [YHWH] your God  
**who brought you out of the land of  
Egypt**, out of the house of slavery.  
[lit. servants] (Ex 20:2, AT)





MATTHEW 5:3  
BLESSINGS  
FIRST

Blessed [μακάριος | *makarios*] are the poor in spirit  
because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

(Mt 5:3, AT I)





MATTHEW 5:3  
BLESSINGS  
FIRST

The poor in spirit are blessed [μακάριος | *makarios*]  
because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

(Mt 5:3, AT II)





MATTHEW 5:3  
TRUE BLISS

1 **Blissful** [Heb: אֲשֵׁרִי | 'ašrê], LXX: μακάριος | *makarios*] is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or stand in the way of sinners, or dwell in the assembly of mockers,  
2 but rather in the law of the LORD [YHWH] they delight, and on His law they meditate day and night.

(Ps 1:1-2, AT)





MATTHEW 5:3  
TRUE BLISS

O taste and see that the LORD [YHWH] is good;  
**How blessed** [ אֲשֶׁר־ | 'ašrê ] is the man who takes  
refuge in Him!

(Ps 34:8, NASB)





MATTHEW 5:3  
TRUE BLISS

**How blessed** [ אֲשֵׁרִי | *'ašrê*] is the man who finds wisdom  
And the man who gains understanding.

(Pr 3:13, NASB)





MATTHEW 5:3  
TRUE BLISS

1 **Blessed** [ אֲשֶׁר־ | 'ašrê ] is the one  
whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.

2 **Blessed** [ אֲשֶׁר־ | 'ašrê ] is the one  
whose sin the LORD [YHWH] does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

(Ps 32:1-2, NIV)





## MATTHEW 5:3 TRUE BLISS

1 **Happy** [ אֲשֵׁרִי | 'ašrê ] are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

2 **Happy** [ אֲשֵׁרִי | 'ašrê ] are those to whom the LORD [YHWH] imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

(Ps 32:1-2, NRSV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
TRUE BLISS

1 **Blessed** [ אֲשֵׁרִי | 'ašrê ] are all who fear the LORD [YHWH],  
who walk in obedience to him.

2 You will eat the fruit of your labor;

**blessings** [ אֲשֵׁרִי | 'ašrê ] and prosperity will be yours.

(Ps 128:1-2, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
TRUE BLISS

1 **How happy** [ אֲשֵׁרִי | 'ašrê ] is everyone who fears the LORD [YHWH],  
who walks in His ways!

2 You will surely eat what your hands have worked for.

You will be **happy** [ אֲשֵׁרִי | 'ašrê ], and it will go well for you.

(Ps 128:1-2, HCSB)





MATTHEW 5:3  
TRUE BLISS

1 **Blessed** [ אֲשֵׁרִי | 'ašrê ] are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the LORD [YHWH].

2 **Blessed** [ אֲשֵׁרִי | 'ašrê ] are those who keep his statutes  
and seek him with all their heart—

(Ps 119:1-2, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
TRUE BLISS

**Blessed** [μακάριος | *makarios*] is the one who **perseveres trial, because** having been tested, they **will receive the crown of life**, which [the Lord] has promised to those who love Him.  
(Jas 1:12, AT)





MATTHEW 5:3  
TRUE BLISS

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; **blessed** [μακάριος | *makarios*] are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (Jn 20:29, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
TRUE BLISS

Jesus said, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Those who believe without seeing are **blessed** [μακάριος | *makarios*].” (Jn 20:29, HCSB)





MATTHEW 5:3  
TRUE BLISS

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus replied, “**Blessed** [μακάριος | *makarios*] are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.  
(Mt 16:16-17, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
POOR IN SPIRIT

Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are **poor**,  
for yours is the kingdom of God. (Lk 6:20, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
POOR IN SPIRIT

The Spirit of the Lord YHWH is on me,  
because The LORD [YHWH] has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the **humble** [אָנָוּ | *'ānāw*]  
He sent me to bind up the brokenhearted  
To proclaim liberty for the captives  
and the opening of the eyes of the imprisoned, (Is 61:1, AT)





MATTHEW 5:3  
POOR IN SPIRIT

(Now Moses was a very **humble** [עָנָו  
|<sup>ˈ</sup>ānāw] man, more **humble** [עָנָו  
|<sup>ˈ</sup>ānāw] than anyone else on the face  
of the earth.) (Num 12:3, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
POOR IN SPIRIT

16 He went to **Nazareth**, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the **synagogue**, as was his custom. He **stood up** to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was **handed** to him. **Unrolling** it, he found the place where it is written:





MATTHEW 5:3  
POOR IN SPIRIT

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to **proclaim good news** [εὐαγγελίζω | *euangelizō*] to the **poor**.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,  
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”





MATTHEW 5:3  
POOR IN SPIRIT

20 Then he **rolled up** the scroll, **gave it back** to the attendant and **sat down**. The eyes of everyone in the **synagogue** were fastened on him. (Lk 4:16-20, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
POOR IN SPIRIT

to proclaim the year of the LORD [YHWH]'s favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
**to comfort all who mourn,** (Is 61:2, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
POOR IN SPIRIT

1 After Jesus had **finished instructing his twelve disciples**, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.

2 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3 to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

(Mt 11:1-3, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
POOR IN SPIRIT

4 Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the **good news is proclaimed** [εὐαγγελίζω | *euangelizō*] **to the poor** [see Is 61:1]. 6 **Blessed** [μακάριος | *makarios*] is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.” (Mt 11:4-6, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
POOR IN SPIRIT

23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is **hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven.** 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle **than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.**” (Mt 19:23-24, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:3  
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

From that time on Jesus began to preach,  
“**Repent**, for the **kingdom of heaven** has  
come near.” (Mt 4:17, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:4  
THE MOURNERS  
SHALL BE COMFORTED

Blessed are those who mourn [πενθέω | *pentheō*]  
because they will be comforted [by God].

(Mt 5:4, AT I)

Those who mourn are blessed  
because they will be comforted [by God].

(Mt 5:4, AT II)





MATTHEW 5:4  
THE MOURNERS  
SHALL BE COMFORTED

to proclaim the year of the LORD [YHWH]'s favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
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MATTHEW 5:4  
THE MOURNERS  
SHALL BE COMFORTED

and **provide for** those who **grieve** in Zion—  
to bestow on them a **crown of beauty**  
instead of **ashes**,  
the **oil of joy**  
instead of **mourning**,  
and a **garment of praise**  
instead of a **spirit of despair**.  
They will be called oaks of **righteousness**,  
a planting of the LORD [YHWH]  
for the display of his splendor. (Is 61:3, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:4  
THE MOURNERS  
SHALL BE COMFORTED

Then young women will dance and be glad,  
young men and old as well.

I will turn their **mourning into gladness**;

I will give them **comfort and joy instead of sorrow**.

(Jer 31:13, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:4  
THE MOURNERS  
SHALL BE COMFORTED

**Streams of tears** flow from my eyes,  
for **your law is not obeyed.**

(Ps 119:136, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:4  
COMFORTED  
BY GOD

Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of **God**.”

(Lk 6:20, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:4  
COMFORTED  
BY GOD

- 1 **Comfort, comfort** my people,  
says your God.
  - 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and proclaim to her  
that her hard service has been completed,  
that her sin has been paid for,  
that she has received from the LORD [YHWH]’s hand  
double for all her sins. (Is 40:1-2, NIV)
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MATTHEW 5:4  
COMFORTED  
BY GOD

3 A voice of one calling:

**“In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the LORD [YHWH];  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.**

4 Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain. (Is 40:3-4, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:4  
COMFORTED  
BY GOD

5 And the glory of the LORD [YHWH] will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the LORD [YHWH] has spoken.”

(Is 40:5, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:4  
COMFORTED  
BY GOD

In those days John the Baptist came,  
**preaching in the wilderness** of Judea  
2 and saying, “**Repent**, for the **kingdom of  
heaven** has come near.” (Mt 3:1-2, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:4  
COMFORTED  
BY GOD

**This is he** who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

**“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’ ”**

(Mt 3:3, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:4  
COMFORTED  
BY GOD

For the Lamb at the center of the **throne**  
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**’”

(Rev 7:17, NIV)

