

# Sermon on the Mount

Beatitudes

1-4

# General introduction

- Used in the OT in covenant terms (results of being rightly related to God) as well as in wisdom literature (assurances of good to God followers)
- Used 45 times in the Psalms—Ps 1
- Not a list of do's and don'ts
- These are character traits of Kingdom people
- Not entrance requirements, but promises to undeserving and unsuspecting

- I. Needs of kingdom people (1-4)
  - Poor in spirit
  - Mourn
  - Meek
  - Hunger and thirst
- II. Qualities of kingdom people (5-8)
  - Merciful
  - Pure in heart
  - Peace makers
  - Persecuted

- 1. Poor in spirit ----- Kingdom of heaven
  - “Those who find themselves waiting empty handed upon God alone for hope and deliverance while beset by abuse”
  - APPLICATION:
    - 1. Realize your dependence on Jesus
    - 2. Wealth makes it hard to see
    - 3. Practice spiritual disciplines

- 2. Mourn-----Comforted
  - “Disenfranchised on earth who sense loss ,hopelessness, despair”
  - Comforted—Messiah is paraklete
  
  - APPLICATION:
    - 1. Mourn for sins
    - 2. Mourn realizing finitude
    - 3. Experience comfort from the Lord
    - 4. Be ready to comfort others

- 3. Meek-----inherit the earth
  - “Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to thy cross I cling”
  - APPLICATION:
    - 1. Not demanding rights
    - 2. Not angry, vengeful, worrying (see remainder of the sermon)

- 4. Hungering and thirsting -----filled
  - Satisfaction comes from Jesus himself—  
"dressed in his righteousness alone"
  - APPLCIATION
    - 1. How do you fill the hunger of your soul—in HIM
      - WORD, PRAYER, SERVING, FASTING, MEDITATION

• **BOTTOM LINE IS JESUS**

# Progression of Beatitudes 1-4

- Acknowledge we are truly needy----  
Poor
- Respond to that need---Mourn
- Develop character—Meek
- Continuous action (perseverance)—  
hungering and thirsting