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The blessings of life in heaven

Heavenly life is a blessing in walking with God. Being able to feel God's presence at all times, connected to God's love and wisdom, is a blessing that no earthly wealth can match. The blessed air of heaven is now in complete peace and joy. It is the peace and joy of the heart. The blessings of heavenly life also include growth and progress, spiritual nourishment and upliftment, a blessing that transcends time and space, inner satisfaction, and a beautiful relationship with God.

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The Beatitudes of Heavenly Life

Blessed are the low-minded! for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Humility" means "spiritual poverty", when a person realizes that he really has nothing before God, and that what he has, what he can and what he does is worthless in the eyes of God, he is "blessed", because "the kingdom of heaven is theirs", they will turn to God, trust in God, pursue heavenly things, and become the people of the kingdom of heaven. We should empty up the ideas, knowledge, and opinions we have acquired and ask the Lord to fill them.

Those who mourn mourn for their sins, and the burden of sin is taken away from them for comfort. God is "a God of all comfort," and when you receive God, you can experience God's "all comfort." Only those who have mourned know "the joy of the Spirit."

Meekness is to be kind and temperate to others, especially our emotions. Those who do not assert themselves and fight against others for all that is on the earth are disadvantaged and deceivable from the

outside, but on the inside they are the richest and strongest, because God has promised them "the inheritance of the earth" and the eternal inheritance of God. Only the people of heaven who are willing to bear the cross can be truly gentle and satisfied, we are strangers in this world, and what we envy is a more beautiful home in heaven.

Hunger and thirst for obedience to God, to God, and to make one's actions conform to God's righteous requirements. There is no righteous person in the world, only the Lord Jesus is truly righteous, and with the Lord, our "hunger and thirst" will be "satisfied". We need a heartfelt desire for God's Word, for God's will, for God's presence and leading. Spiritual growth is all about our hunger and thirst. If a person has this kind of growth, he will be satisfied again and again by God's reward.

To be merciful is to have compassion for others, to have compassion for others, and God values compassion more than sacrifice. Being considerate and sympathetic to others, and showing compassion to others regardless of one's own loss, is an expression of God's character. If the people of heaven treat themselves with righteousness and compassion toward others, God will have mercy on us above righteousness.

Only by simply looking to God and seeking God single-mindedly, without being occupied by anything other than God, with a single longing and without any distractions in their minds, can they have face-to-face and intimate fellowship with God, "they will see God," "as they see the Lord who cannot be seen." In fellowship with God, the Holy Spirit gradually adjusts our hearts, and the impression of the Lord becomes deeper and clearer, which is "seeing God."

God is "a God of love and peace," and the Lord Jesus is "the Prince of peace," and if the people of heaven live like heavenly, they can "bring peace." The gospel reconciles people to God, to others, and to themselves, so "peacemaking" means preaching the gospel, and harmony is the life of a messenger of the gospel.

"Righteousness" is God's will, what God sees as right, obeying God's authority, not going with the world, not going with the world, not compromising with lawlessness and injustice, and resolutely adhering to truth and justice, so they are persecuted for righteousness, and the people of heaven have no place in the kingdom on earth, God will compensate them for the kingdom of heaven, so "the kingdom of heaven is theirs", if we are persecuted and suffer for the kingdom of God, we are "worthy of the kingdom of God". This joy is understood by those who have experienced it.

We pray

Thank You, Lord! While we were still sinners, You shed Your blood for us on the Cross so that we would no longer be trusted

The law justifies you by faith and is the ability to be justified by faith. Lord, the salvation you have done in us, the blood you have given us, has delivered us from the fire of hell and the judgment of death. We are your children today and have received Your life. Proclaim that it is no longer me, but that Christ lives in me. Bless us and let our hearts love and follow you well!

Pray in the name of Christ the Lord, amen.

Matthew 5:1-10 – The Beatitudes

This passage is the opening section of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, known as the Beatitudes. It highlights the qualities of those who are blessed in the Kingdom of Heaven and provides a framework for Christian living.

Scripture Text (ESV)

- 1. Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- 3. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- 10. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Detailed Description and Key Verses

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit (5:3)

- **Description**: This refers to spiritual humility—recognizing one's dependence on God and acknowledging spiritual poverty.
- **Key Verse**: "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- **Theological Thought**: Entrance into God's kingdom begins with humility and a recognition of need for divine grace.
- Spiritual Influence: Encourages believers to rely on God rather than their own strength.

2. Blessed are those who mourn (5:4)

- **Description**: Mourning here can refer to sorrow over sin, injustice, or suffering.
- **Key Verse**: "For they shall be comforted."
- **Theological Thought**: God's comfort comes to those who grieve in repentance or for the brokenness of the world.
- Spiritual Influence: Provides hope in times of sorrow, knowing God's consolation is assured.

3. Blessed are the meek (5:5)

- **Description**: Meekness is strength under control, characterized by gentleness and submission to God.
- **Key Verse**: "For they shall inherit the earth."
- Theological Thought: God's kingdom values humility and gentleness over power and aggression.
- Spiritual Influence: Inspires believers to exhibit humility and trust in God's promises.

4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (5:6)

- **Description**: This refers to a deep desire for personal holiness and social justice.
- **Key Verse**: "For they shall be satisfied."
- **Theological Thought**: God fulfills the longing for His righteousness in both individual lives and the world.
- **Spiritual Influence**: Motivates believers to seek God's will passionately.

5. Blessed are the merciful (5:7)

- **Description**: Mercy involves compassion and forgiveness toward others.
- Key Verse: "For they shall receive mercy."
- **Theological Thought**: Reflecting God's mercy is a hallmark of kingdom living, and it leads to receiving mercy in return.
- Spiritual Influence: Challenges believers to extend grace and kindness in their relationships.

6. Blessed are the pure in heart (5:8)

- **Description**: Purity of heart means having undivided devotion to God and moral integrity.
- Key Verse: "For they shall see God."
- Theological Thought: Holiness and sincerity are prerequisites for experiencing God's presence.
- Spiritual Influence: Encourages believers to seek inner purity and intimacy with God.

7. Blessed are the peacemakers (5:9)

- **Description**: Peacemakers actively seek reconciliation and promote harmony.
- **Key Verse**: "For they shall be called sons of God."

- Theological Thought: As God's children, believers reflect His nature by fostering peace.
- Spiritual Influence: Inspires action to resolve conflicts and bring unity in communities.

8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake (5:10)

- **Description**: This speaks to enduring suffering for living faithfully and upholding God's truth.
- **Key Verse**: "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- **Theological Thought**: Suffering for righteousness aligns believers with Christ and guarantees heavenly rewards.
- Spiritual Influence: Strengthens believers to persevere in faith despite opposition.

Theological Thought

- 1. **Kingdom Values**: The Beatitudes outline the countercultural values of God's kingdom, emphasizing humility, mercy, and righteousness over worldly power and wealth.
- 2. **Present and Future Blessings**: The promises are both immediate and eschatological, offering hope for the present life and fulfillment in eternity.
- 3. **Christ-Centered Life**: The Beatitudes reflect the character of Christ, who embodies each of these virtues perfectly.

Spiritual Influence

- 1. **Personal Transformation**: Encourages believers to cultivate the attitudes and behaviors that reflect God's kingdom.
- 2. **Community Impact**: Calls Christians to be agents of mercy, peace, and justice in their communities.
- 3. **Hope and Perseverance**: Provides assurance of God's blessings and eternal reward, even in the face of suffering and opposition.

The Beatitudes serve as both a challenge and a comfort, inviting believers into a deeper relationship with God and a life of impactful witness in the world.