

Calvary Chapel Kauai

“The Blessings of the Kingdom”

Matthew 5:1-16

Introduction

I The Eagerness of the Disciples

- A. He saw the **crowds**
- B. He went up on a mountain side and sat down
 - 1. His **disciples** came to Him
 - 2. He began to **teach** them - Mt 4:17

II The Instruction of the Disciples

- A. Blessed are the **poor** in spirit - Lk 18:19ff; Rom 7:24-25
 - 1. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven - Lk 17:20-21; 22:18
- B. Blessed are those who **mourn** - Gen 37:34; Mk 16:10
 - 1. For they will be comforted - Isa 61:1-2
- C. Blessed are the **meek** - Num 12:3; Phil 2:5-11
 - 1. For they will inherit the earth - Ps 37:10-11
- D. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for **righteousness**
 - 1. For they will be filled - Mt 6:33; Ps 107:9; Prov 21:21
- E. Blessed are the **merciful** - Lam 3:22-23; Lk 6:35-36
 - 1. For they will be shown mercy - Mt 18:21-35; Jam 2:12-13
- F. Blessed are the **pure** in heart - Mt 23:25-26
 - 1. For they will see God - Ps 27:4; 51:10
- G. Blessed are the **peacemakers** - Rom 12:18; 2 Cor 5:17-20
 - 1. For they will be called sons of God - Eph 5:1-2
- H. Blessed are those who are **persecuted** because of righteousness - 2 Tim 3:12; Jn 3:19-20; Lk 21:17
 - 1. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- I. Blessed are you when people **insult** you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me
 - 1. Rejoice and be glad - 1 Pt 4:12-16
 - a. Because great is your **reward** in heaven - Rom 8:18
 - b. For in the same way they persecuted the prophets

who were before you

III The Characteristics of the Disciples

- A. You are the **salt** of the earth - Lev 2:13
 - 1. The consequences of loss of saltiness
 - a. It can't be made salty again
 - b. It is no longer **good** for anything, except:
 - 1. To be thrown out
 - 2. To be trampled by men
- B. You are the **light** of the world - 1 Jn 1:5-7
 - 1. A city on a hill cannot be hidden
 - 2. Don't light a **lamp** and put it under a bowl. Instead:
 - a. Put it on its stand
 - b. It gives light to everyone in the house
 - 3. In the same way, let your light **shine** before men that:
 - a. They may **see** your good deeds - Mt 6:1; 1 Pt 2:12
 - b. They may **praise** your Father in heaven - 2 Cor

9:13

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

- 1. In the past, what did you think would bring happiness in life?
- 2. How are the 10 Commandments (Ex 20) similar to the Beatitudes (Matt 5)? How are they different? What is the purpose of each in the life of the believer?
- 3. How are the Beatitudes inter-connected, inter-related and inter-dependent and why is each important to the others?
- 4. Of these Kingdom characteristics, which do you most currently evidence in your life? Which do you find most convicting? Which would you most like to further develop?
- 5. If you are a reflection of Christ's light, would you describe yourself as a 1) Nightlight, 2) 100 watt bulb or a 3) Floodlight? What needs to happen for you to shine brighter for His glory?
- 6. Take time to pray through Matthew 5:1-16. Examine each these Kingdom-evidencing characteristics and ask the Holy Spirit to make them an ever-increasing reality in your life!

