

# **THE CHRISTIAN!**

Matthew 5:1-11

# HOW THEN SHALL WE LIVE?

- Jesus employs a standard Jewish literary form to express this point, a beatitude, which runs like this: "It will go well with the one who . . . for that one shall receive . . ."
- Jesus lists promises that pertain to the coming kingdom.
- Those with the faith to await the vindication of the righteous in God's kingdom can afford to be righteous

## MATTHEW 5

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, **His disciples came to Him.** <sup>2</sup> He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying,

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed **are** the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed **are** those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

# THE ETHICS OF GOD'S KINGDOM [IVP]

- The setting of Jesus' Sermon [vv. 1-2]
- Kingdom Rewards for the Repentant [vv. 3-9]
  - Those with the faith to await the vindication of the righteous in God's kingdom can **afford** to be righteous,
- Encouragement for those persecuted for the Gospel [vv. 10-12]

# HOW THEN SHALL WE LIVE?

- Is there embarrassment to BE poor in spirit?
- Is it shameful to mourn?
- Is it foolish to BE gentle?
- Is it being a loser to love righteousness?
- Is it stupid to be merciful?
- What about those who are honest and truthful?

## MATTHEW 5b

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed **are** the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed **are** those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed **are** the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed **are** the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

# ZEPHANIAH 3

<sup>11</sup> "In that day you will feel no shame  
Because of all your deeds  
By which you have rebelled against Me;  
For then I will remove from your midst  
Your proud, exulting ones,  
And you will never again be haughty  
On My holy mountain

<sup>12</sup> "But I will leave among you  
**A humble and lowly people,**  
And they will **take refuge in the name of the LORD.**

<sup>13</sup> "The remnant of Israel **will do no wrong**  
And **tell no lies,**  
**Nor will a deceitful tongue**  
**Be found in their mouths;...**

## MATTHEW 5c

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed **are** the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed **are** those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed **are** you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

## MATTHEW 5d

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

<sup>13</sup> "You **are** the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. <sup>14</sup>

"You **are** the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

# MIND'S ORIENTATION

Jesus' ministry focuses upon what motivates an act, what is the intention behind the behavior.

Pharisees are focused upon the act, giving specific details of what must be done.

The request for applications is this kind of instructions.

We could say that Pharisaism is focusing upon the visible, while Jesus is focused upon the invisible.

# LET OTHERS SEE YOUR LIGHT

Would you live in such a way that people will say, "He is certainly poor in spirit"

Or, would you say that about another church member?

Does your speech, cause others to observe that you hunger and thirst for righteousness?

Will the way you respond to people make others think, you are gentle? Merciful?

Whom do you know, has a pure heart?