

The gospel according to
MATTHEW

[5 : 6]

Part 15

“The beatitudes are Jesus’ description of the character of true faith.”

—J. MacArthur

“The statements contained here lie at the heart of Jesus’ message. If I fail to understand this teaching, I fail to understand Him.” —P. Yancey

“They contain a description of the inner condition of a follower of Christ and promise him blessings.” —C. Ryrie

“Here are the fundamental attitudes which, when pursued and experienced, bring great satisfaction”—C. Swindoll

“The joy that these verses promise is not cheap. What Jesus promises is not a gimmick to give you goose bumps nor a mental attitude that has to be pumped up at pep rallies. No, Matthew 5 describes God’s radical reconstruction of the heart.” —M. Lucado

“They are called ‘BE-attitudes’ not
DO-attitudes”—J. Vernon McGee

BLESSED ARE THOSE...

...WHO HUNGER & THIRST...

...AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS...

MATTHEW 6 : 33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

LEGAL RIGHTEOUSNESS =

Justification, whereby God the Judge of the Universe declares you legally righteous according to the courts of heaven.

MORAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

is that righteousness of character & conduct which pleases God...

- Not external conformity to rules
- But an inner righteousness of heart, mind, and motive both toward God & toward man

SOCIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

“Biblical righteousness is more than a private and personal affair; it includes social righteousness as well. And social righteousness, as we learn from the law and the prophets, is concerned with seeking man’s liberation from oppression, together with the promotion of civil rights, justice in the law courts, integrity in business dealings, and...

SOCIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

honor in home and family affairs. Thus Christians are committed to hunger for righteousness in the whole human community as something pleasing to a righteous God.” —John Stott

FOR THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED.

or filled...

PSALM 37 : 4

Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your
heart.

TITUS 3 : 1 - 3

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

PSALM 42 : 1 - 2

As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and
appear before God?

PSALM 63 : 1 - 8

O God, You are my God;
earnestly I seek You;
my soul thirsts for You;
my flesh faints for You,
as in a dry and weary land where
there is no water.

²So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary,
beholding Your power and glory.

³Because Your steadfast love is better than
life, my lips will praise You...

PSALM 63 : 1 - 8

⁴So I will bless You as long as I live;
in Your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and
rich food, and my mouth will praise
You with joyful lips,

⁶when I remember You upon my bed,
and meditate on You in the watches of the
night;

⁷for You have been my help,
and in the shadow of Your wings
I will sing for joy.

PSALM 63 : 1 - 8

⁸My soul clings to You;
Your right hand upholds me.

1 PETER 2 : 2 - 3

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

HEBREWS 5 : 13 - 14

for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

HEBREWS 6 : 1a

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity...

THIS IS MY KING!

The Bible says my king is a seven-way king
He's The King of the Jews, that's a racial king
He's The King of Israel, that's a national king
He's the King of righteousness
He's the King of the ages
He's the King of Heaven
He's the King of glory
He's the King of Kings and
He's the Lord of lords
That's My King!
Well, I wonder – Do you know Him?

David said: “the heavens declare the glory of
God...

...and the firmament showeth His handy
work”

My King is a sovereign king

No means of measure can define His limitless
love

No far-seeing telescope can bring into visibility
the coastline of His shore of supplies

No barrier can hinder Him from pouring out
His blessings

He's enduringly strong

He's entirely sincere

He's eternally steadfast

He's immortally graceful

He's imperially powerful

He's impartially merciful

Do you know Him?

He's the greatest phenomenon that has ever
crossed the horizon of this world

He's God's Son

He's the sinner's savior

He's the centerpiece of civilization

He stands in the solitude of Himself

He's august and He's unique

He's unparalleled

He's unprecedented

He is the loftiest idea in literature

He is the highest personality in philosophy

He is the supreme problem in higher criticism

He is the fundamental doctrine of true
theology

He is the core of necessity for spiritual religion

He's the miracle of the age

He's the superlative of everything good that
you choose to call Him

He's the only One qualified to be an all
sufficient savior

I wonder if you know Him today...

He supplies strength for the weak

He's available for the tempted and the tried

He sympathizes and He saves

He strengthens and sustains

He guards and He guides

He heals the sick

He cleanses the leper

He forgives sinners

He discharges debtors

He delivers the captives
He defends the feeble
He blesses the young
He serves the unfortunate
He regards the aged
He rewards the diligent
And He beautifies the meek
I wonder if you know
Him.....Well.....
This is my King!
He's the key to knowledge
He's the wellspring of wisdom

He's the doorway of deliverance
He's the pathway of peace
He's the roadway of righteousness
He's the highway of holiness
He's the gateway of glory
Do you know Him?

Well.....

His Office is manifold
His promise is sure
His life is matchless
His goodness is limitless
His mercy is everlasting

His love never changes
His word is enough
His grace is sufficient
His reign is righteous
And His yoke is easy and His burden is light
I wish I could describe Him to you!
He's indescribable
He's incomprehensible
He's invincible
He's irresistible
Well....You can't get Him out of your mind
You can't get Him off of your hand

You can't outlive Him and You can't live
without Him

Well....the Pharisees couldn't stand Him

But they found out they couldn't stop Him

Pilate couldn't find any fault in Him

The witnesses couldn't get their testimonies to
agree

Herod couldn't kill him

Death couldn't handle Him

And the grave couldn't hold Him

YEAH!.....That's My King!

And Thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory
For ever, and ever, and ever, and ever and ever
and ever.....AMEN!