

**WEEK 5: ABIDING IN THE BEATITUDES MAT 5:1-12**  
**PART 1**

“**BLESSED**”--can also be translated “happy”.

“**makarios**” -> “permanent” condition of happiness. Real joy, not dependant on circumstances.

**First four are conditions of salvation** AND are ongoing characteristics of salvation.

Every person that comes to Christ **will exhibit these characteristics throughout their lives as they “abide in Christ”**.

**First 4 will drive out the beatitudes that follow.** Each will be apparent at some level as one “**ABIDES IN CHRIST**”.

**I. BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT — V3**

A. **PHYSICAL REALM** — poor means one that has less

1. **EXTREMELY POOR**— a man Reduced to **total destitution**.
2. **BEGGING POOR**--poor and has **total knowledge of their destitute condition**

B. **SPIRITUAL REALM** — BLESSED ARE THE BEGGING POOR SPIRITUALLY

1. Destitute spiritually **and they know it**—> they know they are separate from God
2. **acutely aware of their lost condition**

C. **POOR IN SPIRIT IS THE OPPOSITE OF BEING RICH IN PRIDE.**

D. Can do nothing to save yourself and all your abilities and all your achievements produce nothing but total hopelessness. **YOU ARE BROKEN** in your spirit!

E. **ON YOUR WAY TO HELL AND THE ONLY HOPE IS FOR GOD**

F. **ALL HUMAN RACE WERE BORN SPIRITUALLY BANKRUPT**

G. **MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ARE SPIRITUALLY BANKRUPT, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW IT**

1. Self deceived.—>Living in self reliance, self sufficient
2. Laodecian church —Rev 3:15-19: church was full of heresy. Did not openly deny Christ but were not spiritually alive either. **Professing to know Christ but Not possessing Christ.**
  - a. Rev 3:17 “. . . you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.”
  - b. Christ said, v16, “. . .because you are neither cold nor hot [because you are nothing] I will spit you out of my mouth.”

H. **WHY DOES JESUS SAY THE SPIRITUALLY BANKRUPT ARE BLESSED?**

1. See God's Holiness—>See their own wickedness
2. See God's Purity—>See their own Poverty
3. Freely Acknowledge it—> Broken over it; Humbled by it

**I. WHAT IS THEIR RESPONSE?**

**1. Seek after the True hope, THEY SEEK GOD! SEEK A SAVIOR!**

2. ALL SELF SUFFICIENCY, SELF RELIANCE, SELF CONFIDENCE, SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS GONE!

3. **Have you ever seen yourself spiritually bankrupt?**

**J. JESUS SAID – BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT FOR “THEY” AND THEY ALONE SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

1. Spiritual Brokenness over Sin is a requirement to enter the kingdom of God

2. **“ are the poor in spirit”** → present tense

a. Abiding reality throughout a Christian’s life!

b. Abiding attitude in a true believer’s life!

3. **COL 2:6 “AS YOU HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST, SO WALK IN HIM”**

4. Ongoing brokenness over sin that remains as we walk/ABIDE IN HIM!

**K. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT GOD WILL CONSTANTLY WORK IN US, THROUGH THE SANCTIFICATION PROCESS, TO KEEP US IN AN ABIDING ATTITUDE OF POVERTY OF SPIRIT.**

**L. THERE IS A LOGICAL, SPIRITUAL SEQUENCE HERE**

1. Beatitudes build on one another and Poverty of Spirit is the KEY.

2. **IN SALVATION** — NO ONE ENTERS IN WITHOUT POVERTY OF SPIRIT IN GENUINE CONVERSION

3. **IN SANCTIFICATION** — NO ONE STAYS RIGHTLY RELATED WITHOUT POVERTY OF SPIRIT

**II. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN**

A. **Mat 5:4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted**

B. What does “MOURN” mean?

1. **Cambridge Dictionary --to feel or express great sadness, especially because of someone's death, Lament, grieve, regret**

C. HAPPY ARE THE SAD→TOTALLY OPPOSITE OF THE WORLD’S VIEWPOINT

D. **Luke 6:25 “WOE TO YOU WHO LAUGH FOR YOU SHALL MOURN AND WEEP”**

E. NOT NATURAL MOURNING. (Funeral type loss of a loved one, or an illness)

1. Jeremiah 9:17 “*send for the mourning women, . . .send for the wailing women*” — hired mourners

F. NOT WORLDLY MOURNING. (Sorry over consequences of sin, my reputation)

## G. "GODLY SORROW"

1. Paul explained the differences: *2Co 7:9* As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but **because you were grieved into repenting**. For you **felt a godly grief**, so that you suffered no loss through us. <sup>10</sup> For **godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation** without regret, whereas **worldly grief produces death**.
2. Godly sorrow = salvation, worldly sorrow = death)

## H. WHAT IS MOURNING?

1. **Inner Response** to My Spiritual Bankruptcy
2. Seeing My **Spiritual Bankruptcy Produces** an Inner Response
3. **State of Brokenness** Before God→**Contrition of Spirit** over My Sin
4. **GODLY SORROW**→leads to repentance

## I. HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTION LEADS TO CONTRITION

1. When see sinfulness against God's Holiness,
2. When I understand that I deserve nothing but hell,
3. **I am shattered in my inner being**

## J. God plants this HOLY MOURNING OVER SIN in the sinner's heart

1. GODLY SORROW ALONE LEADS TO REPENTANCE
2. **Isaiah**: saw God's holiness and his own sin & said "**Wow is me**" *Is 6:5*
3. **Job**: saw his sin & said "**I despise myself & repent in dust & ashes**" *Job 42:6*
4. **Prodigal son** "**I have sinned against Heaven & you father**" *Lu 15:18, 21*

## K. Holy mourning is ...KEY TO GENUINE REPENTANCE

1. **Jesus**: *Lu 13:3* "*I tell you, no, but **unless you repent**, you will all likewise perish.*
2. *Mat 15:13* "*every tree that my Father has not planted will be torn up by the roots*"
3. True Holy Mourning is a reaction to **what God does in the heart of a person**.

## L. "... they SHALL BE COMFORTED"

1. Christ **will** comfort SPIRITUAL MOURNERS
2. *Isa 61:1* ¶ The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the **meek** (NAS=**POOR**, NKJV=**POOR**); he hath **sent me to bind up the brokenhearted**, to proclaim **liberty to the captives**, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound;
3. *Isa 61:2* To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; **to comfort all that mourn**;

## M. Who is the Comforter? **JOHN 16:8** And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

1. **HOLY SPIRIT - THE COMFORTER** (GK word is parakletos, par-ak-lay-tos, intercessor, helper, comforter - HS is a Comforter)

2. **THE COMFORTER WILL CONVICT**→SAME ONE WHO **CONVICTS OF SIN IS THE ONE WHO COMFORTS** AND ASSURES OF SIN FORGIVEN
3. Reason that only the mourners are happy!!! Because they are being comforted: are receiving forgiveness of sin.
4. Ps 32:1 *“blessed is the man whose sin is covered”*
5. Ps 34:18 *“Lord is near those that have a broken heart & saves such as have a contrite spirit”*

### III. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

- A. **Mat 5:5** Blessed [are] the meek(gentle, humble), For they (and they alone) shall inherit the earth.
  - A. **BLESSED**→Permanently fulfilled are the meek and they alone will inherit the earth.
  - B. **MEEK IS DEALING WITH OUR WILL**
    1. When God plants poverty of spirit and Holy mourning **our “will” comes under His control**
    2. **What is meekness?** →**MEEKNESS IS THE OPPOSITE OF SELF WILL**
      - a. To be subject to another. To come under the guided control of the Master’s hand.  
To come under control of a king’s scepter
    3. Holy meekness is a “will” that is under the control of the Lord
  - C. **GENUINE CONVERSION**
    1. **THERE IS AN INITIAL MEEKING.** (A yielding of control to the will of God)
    2. **YOU COME UNDER THE CONTROL OF A NEW MASTER**
    3. **YOU COME UNDER THE SCEPTER OF THE LORD JESUS**
    4. **SCEPTER**= rod which one is beaten, symbolic of a king’s rigorous rule.
  - D. **ISAIAH 53:6** *All we like sheep have gone astray. we have all gone our own way!*
  - E. **Going your own way represents . . .**
    1. **WICKED SINFULNESS** (and/or) **WILLFUL SELFISHNESS**
    2. **I WILL NOT HAVE THIS KING RULE OVER ME**
    3. **ROOT OF ALL SIN IS SELF!**
    4. **SELF AT THE CORE** OF THE UNCONVERTED LIFE
  - F. **UNCONVERTED PEOPLE LIVE TO PLEASE THEMSELVES**
    1. **COMPLETELY OPPOSITE FROM WHAT SCRIPTURE DEMANDS**
    2. *2 Cor 5:15 “He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”*
  - G. CAN BE A VERY MORAL, EVEN A RELIGIOUS PERSON AND BE **DOING IT ALL TO PLEASE YOURSELF.**

**H. EVERYONE IS TRULY CONVERTED WHEN THEY ARE WILLING TO COME UNDER THE REIGN OF JESUS**

1. CANNOT ENTER A NEW KINGDOM WITHOUT HAVING A NEW KING.
2. COMING UNDER GUIDED CONTROL OF A NEW MASTER.
3. MEEKED TO HIS RULE-->WILLING TO HAVE A NEW KING!
4. No such thing as making Him King and then later making Him Lord

I. Heb 1:8 . . . "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the **scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.**

J. **JESUS NEVER CONVERTS ANYONE HE Does Not COMMAND!**

K. **NO ONE ENTERS THE KINGDOM WITHOUT:**

1. **BOWING TO CHRIST'S SPIRITUAL THRONE**
2. **SUBMITTING TO CHRIST'S SPIRITUAL SCEPTER**
3. **SUBMITTING TO BE RULED BY CHRIST'S, YOUR NEW KING!**
4. **This a work of the grace of God--> 1 Cor 12:3 "no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."**

L. **THIS IS WHAT "ABIDING IN HIM" TRULY MEANS!**

M. **THERE ARE NO UNMEEKED WILLS ABIDING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD!**

N. **CONTINUING "WORKING OUT" OF THAT "MEEKING PROCESS" THROUGH OUT SANCTIFICATION**

1. **UNFOLDING REVELATION**
2. **UNFOLDING APPLICATION**
3. **UNFOLDING RENOVATION**
4. **UNFOLDING TRANSFORMATION**
5. **UNFOLDING, UNFAILING REVELATION OF THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST**
6. Col 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,
7. **AN UNFOLDING REALIZATION OF BEMA SEAT LIVING!**
  - a. 2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one **may receive what is due for what he has done** in the body, whether good or evil.
  - b. 1Co 3:13 **each one's work will become manifest**, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the **fire will test what sort of work each one has done.** <sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has **built on the foundation** survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will **suffer loss, though he himself will be saved**, but only as through fire.

**O. HOW WILL THIS MEEKNESS BE MADE MANIFEST IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER?**

**1. COMPLIANCE TO GOD'S WILL**

- a. THY WILL BE DONE
- b. WHATEVER PLEASES GOD PLEASES ME
- c. HE IS MY KING, I AM UNDER HIS SCEPTER
- d. I AM UNDER THE GUIDED CONTROL OF THE MASTER
- e. Mt 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who **does the will of my Father . . .**

**2. BELIEVER WALKING IN MEEKNESS LONGS TO FULFILL "COL 1:9"**

*"...to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;"*

**3. GOD IS CORRECTING, REPROVING, REBUKING, INSTRUCTING ME**

- a. FOR MY GOOD→FOR HIS GLORY

**4. There will be) CONTENTMENT IN HIS WAYS**

- a. WALKING IN HIS WILL
- b. IN THE MIDDLE OF ADVERSITY→ I know that I am walking in the Will of God
- c. I am CONTENT TO WALK IN HIS WILL

**P. REALITY OF MEEKNESS FLOWS OUT OF A REALIZATION OF THE ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD**

1. **GOD IS SOVEREIGN →ABSOLUTE, TOTAL, 100 % CONTROL**
2. **GOD DOES AS HE PLEASES AND ONLY AS HE PLEASES.**
3. **NO CREATED BEING CAN THWART HIS PURPOSES.**

**IV. Discussion Questions**

- A. What are the evidences in your life of being "poor in spirit"?
- B. Why should being broken over sin make me happy?
- C. What are the evidences of "spiritual mourning" in your life?
- D. Why is meekness, not weakness?
- E. How does being meek before God affect my daily life?
- F. Are you "abiding" in these beatitudes?