

WEEK 22: MATTHEW 5 1-12 “ATTITUDE OF ABIDING” PART 3

RESULTS OF BEING BROKEN AND MOURNING OVER SIN, BEING MEEK BEFORE GOD AND HUNGERING AND THIRSTING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

I. BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

A. [Matthew 5:7](#) "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

B. TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS:

1. Realizing
2. Reacting
3. Responding to Who Jesus Is and What Jesus Did

C. THE MERCIFUL . . . SHALL OBTAIN MERCY

1. We See Ourselves Bankrupt Spiritually,
2. Mourning, Meeked, Hungering & Thirsting
3. Then Experience the Mercy of Calvary in Salvation . . .

D. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THAT PERSON NOT TO ...

1. Realize That Mercy
2. Respond to That Mercy
3. Resulting in a Life That Is a “Channel of Mercy”

E. Why Is Mercy So Vital??

1. Alternative Is Justice!—> You Get One or the Other. .
2. [Deuteronomy 32:4](#) "The Rock, His Work Is Perfect, for All His Ways Are Justice. A God of Faithfulness and Without Iniquity, Just and Upright Is He."

F. QUESTION I MUST ASK MYSELF— DO I HAVE THIS MERCY??

G. [James 2:13](#) For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

H. Person who is not a channel of mercy and compassion at some level gives clear evidence that they **have never experienced and responded to the great mercy of God.**

I. Not Abiding in Christ!

J. Definition of mercy??

1. **An attribute of God**—>Exodus 34:6 — revealed himself as a [God of mercy](#)
2. Mercy is Not . . .
 - a. Not a disposition that makes God completely ignore and overlook sin. (Ex. 34:7)
 - b. [Ps 5:5](#) ...hates all workers of iniquity.
 - c. [Rom 2:5](#) But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

3. What does mercy mean?

- a. Seeing us in our sin and rebellion→Jesus had a pure pity and holy compassion
- b. His pity led him to action→He Chose to have mercy

4. Ephesians 2:4 ¶ **But God, being rich in mercy**, because of the great love with which he loved us,

K. What did his mercy do?→ resurrected me from spiritual deadness.

1. Gave me conviction & contrite spirit→Gave me a new life

L. Mercy did not overlook sin→ mercy paid the price for sin

1. Paul>1Tim 1:13 who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: **but I obtained mercy**, because I did [it] ignorantly in unbelief.

M. Mercy & grace are two sides of the same coin

1. Mercy — God does not give me what I deserve
2. Grace — God gives me, what I do not deserve

N. **Jesus is saying “blessed” are those who have the same disposition** as He did

1. Mercy is the pity that leads to compassion in action
2. Source of mercy? The living God

O. Manifestations of mercy in the life of a person who has experience mercy in salvation:

1. An attitude of compassion toward others.
2. Job 6:14 ¶ **"He who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty.**
3. Proverbs 17:17 ¶ **A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.**
4. You will have compassion on those in the storm

5. **Concern for the lost sinners to rescue them.**
6. **Mercy in forgiving believers who wrong you.**

7. James 3:17 **But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy** and good fruits, impartial and sincere..

II. BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

A. **Mat 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**

B. Jesus is calling for absolute purity — holiness.

C. Definition of the heart

1. **Heart is the thinking process of a man**
2. Proverbs 23:7 **For as he thinks within himself, so he is. . . .**
3. Heb 4:12 — **the word of God is a discerner of the thoughts and motives of the heart**
4. Out of the heart flows the issues of life

D. Human heart

1. Jeremiah 17:9 **The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?**
2. Born with a Defiled, Depraved, Deadened heart

- E. Declaration → what is Jesus declaring?? only the pure in heart will see God
1. **God's standard for acceptance** is a pure heart
 2. Ps 24:3-4 — **who may ascend into the hill of the lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart,**
- F. What does it mean to have pure heart?
1. Unmixed; undiluted; unpolluted; uncontaminated
 2. Contains only that which it is supposed to contain
- G. When Jesus is said “blessed are the pure in heart”**
1. He means blessed are those who possess in their hearts only that which the heart is supposed to possess
- H. God's work of salvation always focuses on the heart**
1. Eze 36:25 ¶ **I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.**
 2. **Work of salvation is a work of the heart**
 - a. Where conviction of sin takes place
 - b. Acts 2:37 ¶ **Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart,**
 - c. Where poor in spirit & holy mourning takes place. Not just a decision, it is a work of the heart, not the mind.
 - d. Illumination occurs in the heart → that Jesus is the only Savior
 - e. 2 Corinthians 4:6 **For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**
 3. Conversion takes place in the heart.
 - a. Rom 10:9, 10 . . . **believe in your heart . . . For with the heart one believes and is justified**
 4. Purification takes place in the heart
 - a. Acts 15:9 . . . **having cleansed their hearts by faith.**
- I. Description of the heart—**
1. **Singleness of heart** — ps 24:3-4 who shall ascend unto the holy hill?
 - a. Single minded devotion to Jesus Christ
 - b. A heart totally fixed on Jesus as number one Lord & number one love
 - c. Single minded is the opposite of double minded
 - d. James 4:8 **Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**
 - e. To have a pure heart is to be “single minded” & an impure heart is the same as double minded

2. Double mindedness

a. a person who has multiple lords!

b. Double mindedness is idolatry

(1) idolatry of worship

(a) trying to serve two masters

(b) results in having other gods before the living God

(c) an idol is whatever you mainly find your joy, purpose, meaning, and direction in life in→if it is not the Lord Jesus, it is an idol

(d) Jesus will not share being your chief object. Not family, not sports, school, friends. Luke 18 — forsake mother, etc

3. James 3:17 “wisdom from above is first pure”

a. Double minded does not have a pure heart→ no wisdom, no vision

b. Inadequate to comprehend and apply God’s truth

c. This wisdom is from the world

d. James 3:15 This is **not the wisdom that comes down from above**, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

4. What does our prayer need to be? *“Cleanse my heart of all idols, set my heart on things above, on Jesus Christ”*

5. Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

III. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

A. Mat 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God

B. Man was created with peace (Adam & Eve)

1. Peace was forfeited because of sin

C. Every person born into the world since then :

1. Without peace with God→Without peace of God

2. By nature children of wrath

D. It was prophesied that a PRINCE OF PEACE would come

1. Isaiah 9:6 — 750 yrs before Christ was born

E. At the cross peace was made possible

1. Col 1:20 . . . making peace by the blood of his cross

2. Rom 5:1 ¶ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

F. When salvation comes to a life— the results are:

1. Peace with God→Peace of God

2. Peace with your past→Peace with your future

G. In the world there is no peace→Rom 3:17 — the way of peace they have not known

H. Definition of bible “peace”

1. Truth is obeyed
2. Righteousness is applied

I. God’s peace only comes through righteousness

1. [Isaiah 32:7](#) (works of righteousness will be peace)
2. [James 3:18](#) (fruits of righteousness are sown in peace)

J. God’s peace is not peace at any price

1. [Matthew 10:34](#) "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
2. Truth divides→ truth disrupts→truth disturbs
3. Truth offends those who are in sin
4. **Acts 13:48-50**

K. True peacemaker Speaks the truth in love

1. [Ro 10:15](#) . . . beautiful are the feet of them that preach the **gospel of peace**, and bring glad tidings of good things!

L. Peacemaker is also “making peace” as a believer, with other believers

1. As far as possible, be at peace with all men
2. Builds bridges with other believers built on righteousness and truth

M. Jesus was the greatest of all peacemakers

1. Righteousness and mercy kissed each other
2. He made peace through the blood of his cross

3. **Jesus never compromised truth & righteousness for peace** – Rich Young Ruler

IV. BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED

- A. Results of the above beatitudes being prevalent in your life is...You will be persecuted! If you walk in the first 7 beatitudes you will suffer!
- B. [Matthew 5:10](#) "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- C. **Promise from Jesus — you will suffer persecution (not if but when)**
- D. **Phil 1:29** it has been **granted to you**, not only to believe in Jesus, but also **to suffer** for his name sake
- E. **Phil 3:10** that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection; and the **fellowship of his suffering**
- F. If you are not suffering ever, then examine yourself to see if you know Him!

G. Does not mean that we will be persecuted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

1. But at different times, we will face Social, Verbal, Maybe even physical persecution
2. If you exhibit the inner qualities of the beatitudes you will suffer

H. Why will you suffer? Fallen man loves the darkness & hates the light

1. Why does man hate the light? → light exposes darkness

2. The world will strike back

3. Those “born of the flesh” will persecute those “born of the spirit”

I. Persecuted Jesus—They will persecute you!

1. [John 15:18 ¶](#) "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.
2. [John 15:20 . . .](#) ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ **If they persecute me, they will also persecute you.** If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.
3. [2 Timothy 3:12](#) **Indeed all, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,**

J. An amazing paradox

1. That a man manifesting the “beatitude character”—→Will be hated by the world!!
2. The blessings of Christ and the cursing of man fall on the same man!!

K. Reason for this persecution — (vs 10)

1. The sake of living a Righteous life
2. The sake being like Jesus

L. Wrong reasons for persecution

1. Not for your country’s sake
2. Not for social causes
3. Not because of arrogance
4. Not for shoving the message down someone’s throat
5. Not for demanding your rights→ [1 cor 6:19](#) “... you are not your own? For ye are **bought with a price:**”
6. Make sure you are being persecuted for the right reason!

M. Our response to persecution -v12

1. Rejoice (jump for joy! Not sue/protest)
2. Acts 5:40-41 — (Peter & apostles beaten — departed rejoicing)
3. Acts 16 — Paul & Silas (beaten — singing at midnight)

N. Why rejoice?? v 12 - [great is your reward in heaven](#)

O. Our prayer needs to be that the beatitudes would be “ABIDING ATTRIBUTES” in our lives!

P. [1 Peter 2:12](#) **Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.**