

The Beatitudes

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him,

² and he began to teach them. He said:

³“**BLESSED** are the **POOR IN SPIRIT**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ **BLESSED** are those who **MOURN**, for they will be comforted.

⁵ **BLESSED** are the **MEEK**, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ **BLESSED** are those who hunger and thirst for **RIGHTEOUSNESS**,
for they will be filled.

⁷ **BLESSED** are the **MERCIFUL**, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ **BLESSED** are the **PURE IN HEART**, for they will see God.

⁹ **BLESSED** are the **PEACEMAKERS**, for they will be called the children of God.

¹⁰ **BLESSED** are those who are **PERSECUTED** because of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ **BLESSED** are **YOU** when people insult you, persecute you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Matthew 5: 1–12

