



The Sermon on The Mount  
**Bible Study Session 2**  
**Matthew 5:7-12**



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**Greek NT**

5.7 μακάριοι οἱ ἐλεήμονες, ὅτι αὐτοὶ ἐλεηθήσονται. 5.8 μακάριοι οἱ καθαροὶ τῇ καρδίᾳ, ὅτι αὐτοὶ τὸν θεὸν ὄψονται. 5.9 μακάριοι οἱ εἰρηνοποιοί, ὅτι αὐτοὶ υἱοὶ θεοῦ κληθήσονται. 5.10 μακάριοι οἱ δεδιωγμένοι ἕνεκεν δικαιοσύνης, ὅτι αὐτῶν ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν. 5.11 μακάριοί ἐστε ὅταν ὀνειδίσωσιν ὑμᾶς καὶ διώξωσιν καὶ εἰπωσιν πᾶν πονηρὸν καθ' ὑμῶν [ψευδόμενοι] ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ. 5.12 χαίrete καὶ ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, ὅτι ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς· οὕτως γὰρ ἐδίωξαν τοὺς προφῆτας πρὸ ὑμῶν.

**La Biblia de las Américas**

7 Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, pues ellos recibirán misericordia. 8 Bienaventurados los de limpio corazón, pues ellos verán a Dios. 9 Bienaventurados los que procuran la paz, pues ellos serán llamados hijos de Dios. 10 Bienaventurados aquellos que han sido perseguidos por causa de la justicia, pues de ellos es el reino de los cielos. 11 Bienaventurados seréis cuando os insulten y persigan, y digan todo género de mal contra vosotros falsamente, por causa de mí. 12 Regocijaos y alegraos, porque vuestra recompensa en los cielos es grande, porque así persiguieron a los profetas que fueron antes que vosotros.

**NRSV**

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**NLT**

7 God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. 9 God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. 10 God blesses those who are persecuted because they live for God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. 11 God blesses you when you are mocked and persecuted and lied about because you are my followers. 12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted, too.

**The Outline of the Text:**

**The 'horizontal' discipleship blessings, vv. 7-12**

**1. Blessing upon the merciful, v. 7**

Note closeness of merciful (ἐλεήμονες) and almsgiving (ἐλεημοσύνη).

How do you show mercy?

**2. Blessing upon the genuine, v. 8**

Pure in heart = genuineness in relationships

Are you genuine in your relationships?

**3. Blessing upon the peace makers, v. 9**

Blessing upon peace makers, not peace lovers.

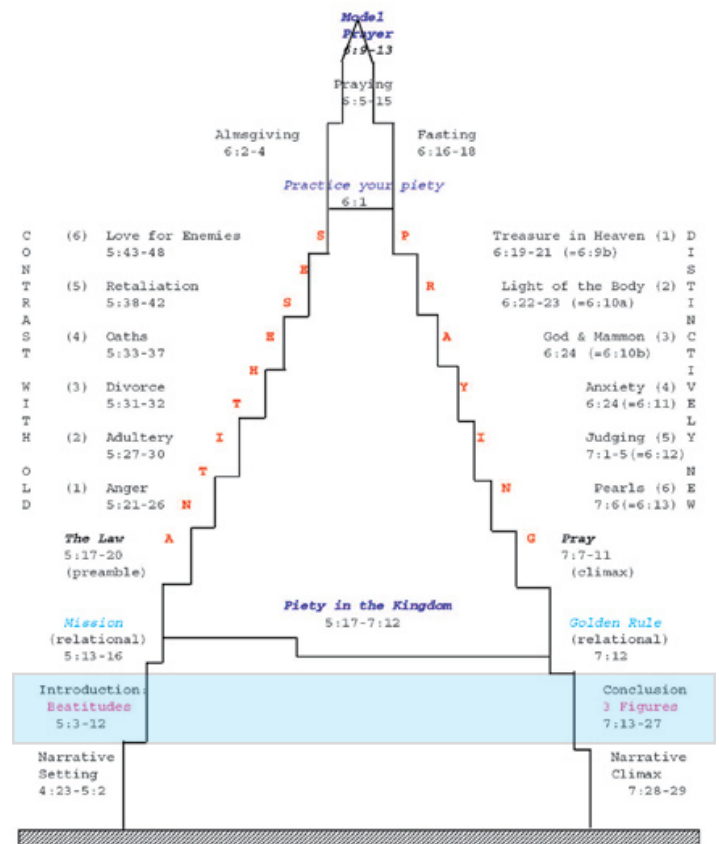
Do you risk yourself to make peace?

**4. Blessing upon the persecuted, vv. 10-12**

Strongest emphasis of all eight beatitudes.

Are you willing to face persecution?

**The Literary Structure of the Sermon on the Mount**  
*Matthew 4:23-7:29*



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## Comparison of Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:3-12

<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 will be comforted.*

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek,  
*for they will inherit the earth.*

<sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
*for they will be filled.*

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

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

<sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers,  
*for they will be called children of God.*

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

<sup>11</sup>Blessed are you  
*when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.* <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,  
*for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Luke 6:20b-26

<sup>20b</sup>Blessed are you who are poor,  
*for yours is the kingdom of God.*

<sup>21a</sup>Blessed are you **who are hungry now**,  
*for you will be filled.*

<sup>21b</sup>Blessed are you **who weep now**,  
*for you will laugh.*

<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you  
*when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.* <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; *for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.*

<sup>24</sup>But woe to you **who are rich**,  
*for you have received your consolation.*

<sup>25a</sup>Woe to you **who are full now**,  
*for you will be hungry.*

<sup>25b</sup>Woe to you **who are laughing now**,  
*for you will mourn and weep.*

<sup>26</sup>Woe to you  
*when all speak well of you,*  
*for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.*

**Diagram of the Sermon on the Mount**  
**Mt. 5:7-12**

- 5 <sup>5:7</sup> **Blessed are the merciful,**  
for they will receive mercy.
- 6 <sup>5:8</sup> **Blessed are the pure in heart,**  
for they will see God.
- 7 <sup>5:9</sup> **Blessed are the peacemakers,**  
for they will be called children of God.
- 8 <sup>5:10</sup> **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,**  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 9 <sup>5:11</sup> **Blessed are you**  
when people revile you  
and  
persecute you  
and  
utter all kinds of evil  
against you  
falsely  
on my account.
- 10 <sup>5:12</sup> **Rejoice**  
and
- 11 **be glad,**  
because your reward is great  
in heaven,
- for  
in the same way
- 12 **they persecuted the prophets**  
who were before you.

**Summary:**

The second section of the Beatitudes (#s 5-12) describes the so-called 'horizontal' aspect of discipleship. This is the person to person responsibilities. The first four beatitudes (#s 5-8) continue the third person form. Beatitude # 9 shifts to the second person form, and contains the amplifications found in the admonitions of statements 10-12. This section, #s 9-12, stand as an further emphasis on the theme of persecution stressed in the eighth beatitude, # 8. Internally it is made up of two admonitions, #s 10-11, and a causal basis for the admonitions in statement # 12.