

**Matthew 5:1-12**

**5:1** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and **taught them**, saying:

**5:3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

**5:4** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

**5:5** “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

**5:6** “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.”

**5:7** “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”

**5:8** “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

**5:9** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

**5:10** “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

**5:11** “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds  
of evil against you falsely on my account.”

**5:12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they  
persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Beginning of *inclusion*

1<sup>st</sup> 4 Beatitudes: Relate to ‘need’  
(except ‘meek’?)

1 x present tense – *are / theirs is*

3 x future tense – *are / they will*

2<sup>nd</sup> 4 Beatitudes: Relate to living  
‘righteously’

3 x future tense – *are / they will*

1 x present tense – *are / theirs is*

End of *inclusion*

Verses 11-12= separate comment