Sermon on the mount
Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon on the Mount ch 5,6,7 a window into kingdom living w/ life & teaching of Jesus illustrated in His in all of His ministry. Jesus tells his disciples what the personality and disposition is of is of those who are His disciples. It is the longest and fullest continued discourse of our Saviour that we have upon record in all the gospels. I

1 And when He saw the multitudes, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. 2 And opening His mouth He began to teach them, saying,

Sea of Galilee 13 x 8 miles N end, Golan on left, sun shimmering like sparkling diamonds on water, warm breeze, quiet, landscape of grass and flowers w/ heads of wheat swaying in gentle breeze, multi colored tunics seated listening. Jesus speaks to His disciples, faithful followers. Be attitudes not do attitudes—work of HS in life of believers doing in us what we can't do in order that we can be what God wants us to be but never could apart from Christ. Lat beatis 'happy'

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Not a blessing to be poor…although James 2:5 God has chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith & heirs of K of G to those who love Him. But here poor in spirit is opposite of being proud, conceited in spirit. Result of encounter w/ God. ***Is 6:4…."Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."***

Paul 'wretched man that I am who will deliver me from this body of death Rom 7:24; Peter 'depart from me for I am a sinful man Lk 5:8. A revelation of who God is, enables us to see ourselves as we truly are. Paul's

revelation began him on a new life….Thanks be to God thru Jesus Christ…a new life begins…a blessed life, happy life…when come to settled reality of who God is and who I am. And now realizing my condition….

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

My faults, flaws and failures in light of Christ I mourn over, regret, want to cry & at that point the Lord comes to my side, ministers, comforts w/ His presence. But not until I'm broken over my condition. Seeing as God sees in truth not more than what God knows I am,

5 "Blessed are the gentle/meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Meek not week, strength under control. Wild Colorado river contolled by 726' Hoover Dan (Lake Mead). Jesus says happy is the gentle, meek person…not wild like before having to prove themselves…but now like wild stallion now broken and trained. Inherit earth….w/o sin or pollution morally & physically.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Happy is the one who desires the ideal…each building on the other…progression beginning poor in spirit then mourns over condition, after that bears fruit of meekness/gentles as we see ourselves in light of Christ…a craving hunger sets in for righteousness…to be like Jesus. Less of me more of Jesus is key to hunger.

Some want it but illusive to get it ***Rom 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.***

The flesh and the will battle—person genuinely wants to do what's right but unable by human strength, it's limitations but Paul points past his human weakness to Jesus Christ and power of Holy spirit.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Mercy is holy compassion—relief of others misery.Once our life is filled w/ Christ & His righteosness we develop a heart of mercy are compassionate not criticized condemn or complain about others but have mercy for others weaknesses…Righteousness and mercy grow together—woman caught in adultery. Law wanted to condemn Jesus showed mercy and compassion.

8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

David 'create in me a pure heart' w/o admixture, deceit, judgmental, lustful…I have Hid your word in my heart that I might not sin against you Ps 119:11….I will put no worthless thing before my eyes Ps 101

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Happy are those who break up not start fights and strife. Peaceful disposition, addicted to….Ps 120:7 I am for peace but when I speak they are for war'. It is bringing the peace of Christ to others Andrew Peter – boy 5 loaves

10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. 12 "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Light in world those love darkness rather than light Jn 15:20 A servant is not great than his master…..