Uncovering the Secrets of a Blessed Life

Sermon the Mount - Matthew 5:1-12

INTRODUCTION

SEVEN IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THIS BLESSED

- 1. It has nothing to do with material things.
- 2. It is available to all.
- 3. It is not dependent on cheerful external circumstances.
- 4. It is a present condition with future rewards.
- 5. It requires intense courage and honesty to face our own sinful bent.
- 6. It is found inside of God's kingdom.
- 7. It is the opposite of what the world says it is.

BEATITUDE #1: vs. 3

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

BEATITUDE #2: vs. 4

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

BEATITUDE #3: vs. 5

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

BEATITUDE #4: vs. 6

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

BEATITUDE #5: vs. 7

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

BEATITUDE #6: vs. 8

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

BEATITUDE #7: vs. 9

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

BEATITUDE #8: vs. 10-12

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."