

The Kingdom on Earth Who Are the “Blessed?”

I. Introduction

- A. Isaiah 52:7 (NAS) *How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”*
- B. Isaiah 61:1-2 (NAS) *¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives, And freedom to prisoners; ²To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn.*
- C. Matt. 4:23 (NAS) *Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.*
- D. Matt. 4:24 (NAS) *The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them.*
- E. Matt. 5:3 (NAS) *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*
- F. Blessings of instruction.
- G. Blessings of surprise announcements.
- H. Luke 6:20-22 (NAS) *²⁰And turning His gaze toward His disciples, He began to say, “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹“Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²“Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.”*
- I. Matt. 5:3 (NAS) *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*
- J. Matt. 5:4 (NAS) *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”*
- K. Matt. 5:5 (NAS) *“Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.”*
- L. Psalm 37:11a (NAS) *But the humble will inherit the land.*
- M. Matt. 5:6 (NAS) *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”*
- N. Matt. 5:7 (NAS) *“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”*

- O. Who are the people that our culture says are shut out of the “good life?”
- P. What kind of “mat” do you put out in your life?

II. Conclusion

Upcoming Messages:

8/21-22/2010 “Being Salt and Light”

8/28-29/2010 “Looking with Lust”

9/4-5/2010 “Dealing with Anger Appropriately”

9/11-12/2010 “Looking Back . . . Reaching Forward”