

Blessed: happy, fully satisfied if conditions are fulfilled

- Show what God expects from us - what we can expect from God

"How to be Godlike" Beatitudes

Advanced level of instruction

Total attitude of mind, character

Rules for Happiness

- one who relies only on God, not self

Blessed are the poor in spirit: - KNOW his sp. need
 - realize one's spiritual helplessness
 - have humble opinion of ourselves # be willing to be where God puts us
 - to go where he bids us # receptive childlike
 - be in his hands # opp. of pride, vanity, ambition, splendor, sensual pleasure, self
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 # Kingdom - royal dominion of the human heart
 # Yimmorant: Sp. understandg, heaven, God's throne

those who wish to learn - willing to become a little child

He who is insulted at every at him is under the mercy of anyone who chooses to disturb him

Blessed are they that mourn: - Gr. penthein (Let go) lament disobedience
 - be sorry for
 - repentance, reformation, yield
 - state of mind that sorrow brings in which one resolves to learn from the experience.

for they shall be comforted.
strengthened, reward - is courage, reinforce, forgiven
- mental refreshment
frees us from: resistance.

Ps 37: 11
Nu 12: 3 Moses

Blessed are the meek: - yield, submit to divine will, gentle, lamblike
 - never provoked, innitaded, always forgiving (one's willingness to
 - reverence obedience to God
 - always under perfect control, gentleness w/ strength of steel
 - opp. of anger, pride, malice, vengeance, revenge, covetous
 for they shall inherit the earth. Can't be provoked
 - gift, legacy, the promised Land, heaven, sttt 3a3.32
 - don't conquer it aggressively, it's a gift
 - symbol of lamb: symbol of innocence, lamb always kicked up by lion

rebuked: Jews - pride, race, privilege
Rabbi - learning
Roman - power
Greek - culture, intellect, knowledge

* meek: one's willingness to see ourselves as God made

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: after rt. thi + acting
 - not only seek, but strive,
 - serious need for righteousness
 - happy are they whose greatest desire is to do God's will.
 - requirement is that we hunger + thirst for it
 for they shall be filled. - we can't live w/out it.

"Have no ambition - aim apart from holiness."

- our primary priority, goal, ambition

Blessedness: highest state of happiness & well being.

- not from w/out, never dependent on person, place or thing
- inward fountain of joy, unconditional, no outside circumstances
- means standing in right relation to God