

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL
Matthew 5:1-12;
1 Peter 1

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INTRODUCTION:

THE BEATITUDES

1. Important words of Instruction
2. Blessings promised
3. Uplifting teaching
4. Worthy of Memorizing
5. Challenge: Application

THE BEATITUDES IN REAL LIFE
In the Context of the Christians in the first Century
1 Peter 1

1. Comparison of Texts
 - a) Matthew 5:1-12
 - b) 1 Peter 1-2
2. Comparison of Content: Matthew's List of Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12
 - a) Blessed are the poor in spirit
Blessing: Theirs is the kingdom of heaven Matthew 5:3
 - b) Blessed are those who mourn
Blessing: Comfort Matthew 5:4
 - c) Blessed are the meek
Blessing: Inheritance Matthew 5:5
 - d) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness
Blessing: Filled Matthew 5:6
 - e) Blessed are the merciful
Blessing: Mercy obtained Matthew 5:7
 - f) Blessed are the pure in heart

Blessing: They shall see God Matthew 5:8

g) Blessed are the peacemakers
Blessing: Called sons of God Matthew 5:9

h) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake
Blessing: Joy and exceeding gladness Matthew 5:10

3. Comparison of Text: List of Blessings in 1 Peter 1-2

a) Blessing of the kingdom of heaven Matthew 5:3

i) Where God is Father 1 Peter 1:2

ii) Where we are sprinkled clean by the blood of Christ 1 Peter 1:2

iii) Where we have the Spirit of God sanctifying us 1 Peter 1:2

iv) Where we have a living hope 1 Peter 1:3

b) Blessing of comfort Matthew 5:4

i) Mourning part:
Being scattered and losing Joy 1 Peter 1:1, 6

ii) Comfort
God's protection; God's keeping 1 Peter 1:5

c) Blessing of an inheritance Matthew 5:5

i) An inheritance incorruptible and undefiled 1 Peter 1:4

ii) Reserved in heaven

iii) Far better than earthly blessings

d) Blessing of being Filled Matthew 5:6

i) Filled with knowledge about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit

ii) Filled if we are really hungering and thirsting for knowledge

e) Blessing of mercy Matthew 5:7

i) Abundant mercy promised 1 Peter 1:3

- ii) Grace and peace associated closely 1 Peter 1:2
- f) Blessing of seeing God Matthew 5:8
 - i) Physical sight
 - ii) Spiritual sight
 - The genuineness of your faith... 1 Peter 1:7
 - Whom having not seen, you love... 1 Peter 1:8
- g) Blessing of being called sons of God Matthew 5: 9
 - i) As obedient children 1 Peter 1:14
 - ii) If you call on God your Father 1 Peter 1:17
- h) Blessing of Joy and exceeding gladness Matthew 5:10-12
 - Amidst suffering
 - i) You rejoice with joy inexpressible
 - ii) And full of glory 1 Peter 1:8

THE BEATITUDES TODAY

1. Content of our faith

- a) Knowledge
- b) Faith
- c) Life

2. Challenges to our faith and life will come “Grieved by various trials” 1 Peter 1:6

- a) Problems may emerge
- b) Persecution may come
- c) We must not fear them
- d) We may falter and fall
- e) We must learn along the way

3. Concreteness of our Faith

“Yet believing” 1 Peter 1:8

- a) Trust in God holds fast
- b) Faith when tried by fire would become stronger and purer
- c) Faith becomes a very real thing in our daily life

4. Consistency is more than possible

“Praise, honour and glory” 1 Peter 1:7

- a) Cultivation of faith and life
- b) Character that is solid can be formed
- c) Courage must emerge
- d) Commitment to God inspiring

5. The Lord will be with us

- a) God the Father 1 Peter 1:2-3
- a) The Lord Jesus 1 Peter 1:2, 3
- c) The Spirit of God 1 Peter 1:2, 11
- b) The Church
Made up of living stones 1 Peter 2:5, 9