

Theme: The Kingdom of Heaven

Texts: Matthew 5:1-12; Luke 6:20-26

Title: "Blessed... For yours is the kingdom of God"

INTRODUCTION

1. A wonderful Invitation to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven

a) This is given to everyone

i) To the humble

ii) To those who are in the darkness of sin

b) The repentant sinner

i) Peter (Luke 5)

ii) Matthew (Matthew 9)

2. The Gospel message to be remembered and treasured

a) The problem of sin

i) All have sinned

ii) We need to be forgiven and cleansed from sin

iii) We cannot resolve the problem of sin on our own

b) The provision of an answer

i) God's gift of a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ

ii) His gift of salvation

iii) His promise of sonship

iv) His offer of a home in heaven

c) The personal acceptance

i) We have to personally receive the Lord Jesus as our Saviour

ii) We have to exercise our faith

iii) We have to continue to hold fast to our faith to the very end

THE PROMISE OF BLESSINGS FROM GOD

1. There are many Blessings that God has promised to all true believers
2. These Blessings are called “The Beatitudes”
3. There are many Types of Blessings
 - a) Some are physical/ material blessings
 - b) Some are spiritual blessings
4. We have a wonderful list of 8 Blessings taught by the Lord Jesus Christ

THE BEATITUDES (BLESSINGS PROMISED)

1. The Possession of the Kingdom of heaven
 - i) Called “Kingdom of Heaven” Matthew 5:3
 - ii) Called “The kingdom of God” Luke 6:20
2. The Comfort of God Matthew 5:4
3. An inheritance from God Matthew 5:5
4. Provision from God Matthew 5:6
5. The Promise of Mercy Matthew 5:7
6. Seeing the Presence of God Matthew 5:8
7. The blessing of Peace Matthew 5:9
8. The Prize of the Kingdom of Heaven Matthew 5:10

OUR LIFE ON EARTH WHILE WE WAIT TO GO TO HEAVEN

1. The Lord Jesus wants to teach us how we are to live
 - a) As Christians
 - b) As Children of God
 - c) As Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven
 - d) As God’s very special people

2. Our life on earth can be quite difficult at times

- a) Some may be poor Luke 6:20
- b) Some may be hungry Luke 6:21a
- c) Some may weep Luke 6:21b
- d) Some may hate us Luke 6:22
- i) They may exclude us
- ii) They may revile us
- iii) They may cast us out Luke 6:22

THE BLESSINGS OF GOD WOULD BE ASSUREDLY GIVEN TO US

1. We will never lose our place in the Kingdom of Heaven Matthew 5:3; Luke 6:20

- a) This is our assurance
- b) This must be in our heart and mind

2. God would provide for us

- a) Physically
- b) Spiritually Matthew 5:6; Luke 6:21

3. God would give us comfort Matthew 5:4

4. He would give us joy Luke 6:23

5. He would give us a reward in heaven Luke 6:23

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To grow

- a) In our knowledge
- b) In our understanding
- c) In our faith

2. To let our hearts and minds be filled

- a) With God's Promises of blessings

b) With Hope

c) With Joy

3. Let us learn to Trust God, our Father in Heaven

a) As the children of God

b) As people of the Kingdom of heaven