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“The Beatitudes”

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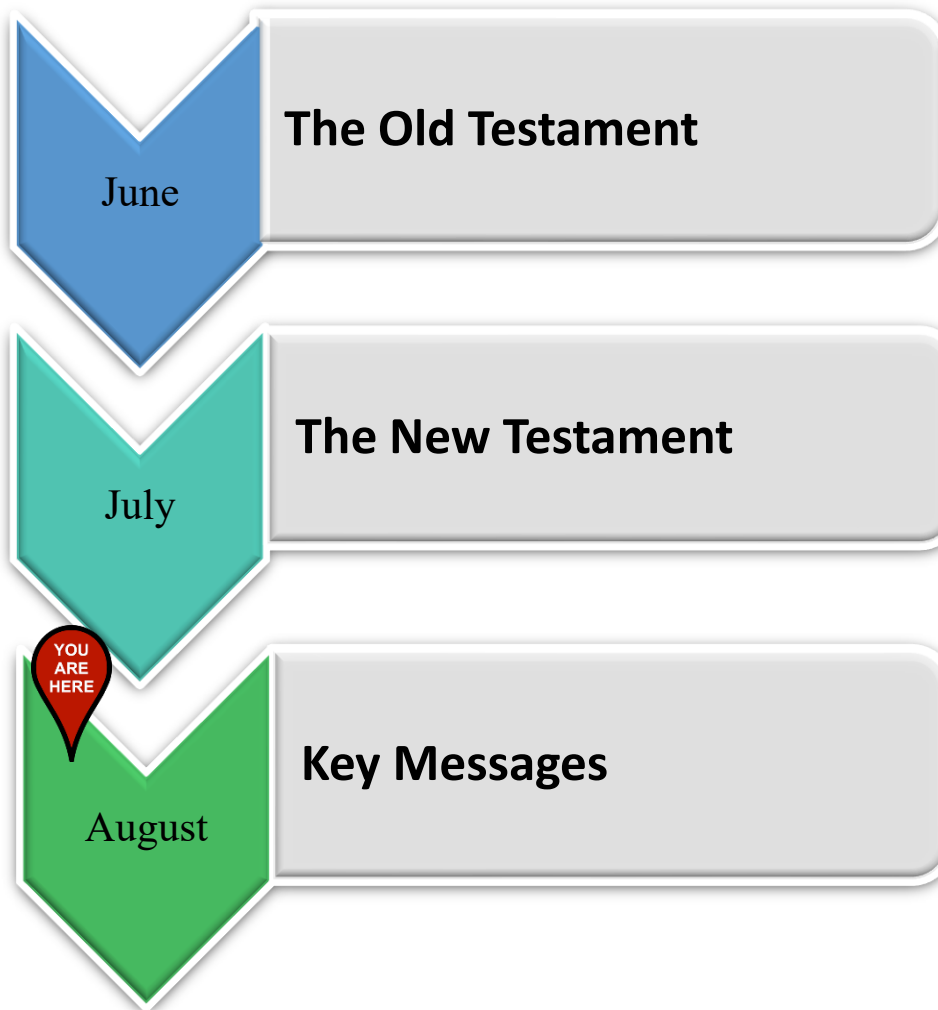
Welcome to Church

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Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling
down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the
Lamb
And all who've gone before us,
and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the
Lamb

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest,
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions,
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus

And the angels cry, "Holy", All
Creation cries, "Holy"
You are lifted high, holy, Holy
forever

If you've been forgiven, if you've
been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom, if you bear
His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and
amen

[Pre-Chorus]

[Chorus]

Hear your people sing: "Holy",
To the King of Kings: "Holy"
You will always be holy, Holy
forever

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One Day

More than I could hope or dream
of
You have poured Your favour on
me
One day in the house of God is
Better than a thousand days in the
world

So blessed, I can't contain it...
So much, I've got to give it away,
Your love taught me to live now...
You are more than enough for me.

Lord, You're more than enough for
me
Lord, You're more than enough for
me.

Lead me to the Cross

Saviour I come
Quiet my soul, remember
Redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as lost

Chorus

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross

You were as I
Tempted and trialed
Human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now you're risen
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as lost

Chorus

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Chorus

Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees

Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross

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**2nd
August**

- **The Ten Commandments**
- A way that leads to life.

**9th
August**

- **The Beatitudes (Nine)**
- A way to relate to and live with others.

**16th
August**

- **Gifts of the Spirit (Nine)**
- Ways to show God's love in our lives.

**23rd
August**

- **Christ and The Holy Ghost – the missing piece.**
- The Gospel shows us how to keep the Law.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11: 2-4

Last Week we looked at the 10 Commandments as a key message of the Old Testament

10 COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

I. YOU SHALL HAVE NO
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

II. YOU SHALL MAKE
NO IDOLS.

III. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE
THE NAME OF THE LORD
YOUR GOD IN VAIN.

IV. KEEP THE SABBATH
DAY HOLY.

V. HONOR YOUR FATHER
AND YOUR MOTHER.

VI. YOU SHALL NOT
MURDER.

VII. YOU SHALL NOT
COMMIT ADULTERY.

VIII. YOU SHALL
NOT STEAL.

IX. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS
AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

X. YOU SHALL NOT COVET.

KEY WORD...

Relationship *from love!*

God is seeking relationship with ALL

God must be the primary focus

Behaviour towards others is also high priority

The Beatitudes Overview

- Found in Matthew 5:3-12, opening Jesus' Sermon on the Mount
- Serve as a blueprint for righteous living and Kingdom values¹.
- Each begins with "Blessed are," highlighting spiritual joy and favor that transcends worldly circumstances².
- They emphasize humility, mercy, purity, and a hunger for righteousness, contrasting with worldly measures of success and power.

Context and Significance

- Jesus delivered the Beatitudes to a diverse crowd near the Sea of Galilee, including disciples and followers from various regions³.
- The teachings were countercultural, offering hope to the marginalized and emphasizing internal transformation over external status⁴.
- They set the tone for the Sermon on the Mount, framing the principles of God's Kingdom as a reality that begins in the hearts of believers and manifests in acts of love, justice, and mercy.

The Beatitudes are Practical Lessons

They encourage believers to prioritize

- spiritual values over material gain,
- cultivate humility, and
- respond to adversity with faith and compassion⁵.

They illustrate how Kingdom principles can be lived out in everyday life by providing guidance for

- personal growth,
- ethical living, and
- community building.

By embracing these attitudes, followers of Jesus align themselves with God's vision of justice, peace, and love, experiencing both present comfort and future reward.

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The Nine Beatitudes

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit

Recognizing spiritual need and dependence on God opens the way to the Kingdom of Heaven.

2. Blessed are those who mourn

Those who grieve over sin and injustice will receive comfort.

3. Blessed are the meek

Meekness, understood as strength under control, leads to inheriting the earth.

4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

A deep desire for justice and moral integrity will be satisfied.

5. Blessed are the merciful

Showing compassion and forgiveness brings mercy in return

6. Blessed are the pure in heart

Inner purity allows one to see God and reflect His character

**7. Blessed are the
peacemakers**

Those who actively pursue reconciliation and peace are called children of God.

**8. Blessed are those
persecuted for
righteousness' sake**

Enduring opposition for living rightly assures a reward in the Kingdom of Heaven

**9. Blessed are ye, when men
shall revile you, and
persecute you, and shall
say all manner of evil
against you falsely, for my
sake.**

It is a blessing when it is necessary to suffer persecution and criticism for living a life serving God.

Luke 15:8&9

⁸ Either what woman having **ten pieces of silver**, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

⁹ And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

What are the 10 pieces of silver?

Over these 3 weeks we will develop this theme.

- There are 9 beatitudes
- 9 manifestations of the Spirit - **1 Cor 12:7-11**
- 9 virtues which show the Fruit of the Spirit - **Gal 5:22&23**

What is the piece that is lost?

Paul teaches that **character must govern gifts**:

- Gifts without love are “nothing” (1 Cor 13).
- Fruit expresses the **Spirit’s nature**;

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **Gal 5:25**

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. **1 Cor 13:1**

- manifestations express the **Spirit’s power**.
- Fruit ensures gifts are exercised with humility, gentleness, patience, and self-control.

Thus:

- **Beatitudes = how you posture your heart before God**
- **Fruit = who you become under the influence of the Spirit**
- **Gifts = what you do when led by the Spirit**

John 6:44-69

⁴⁴ No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. ⁴⁶ Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

⁴⁷ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. ⁴⁸ I am that bread of life. ...

⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

⁵⁶ He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. ... ⁵⁷ As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. ...

⁶³ It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. ... [*at his words about*

eating his flesh some of the disciples left] ⁶⁷ Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

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(John 6/31–35; Rom. 8/16,17; Matt. 7/14)

I AM the true and living bread,
 Christ Jesus in the gospel said,
 To nourish Isr'el day by day,
 While walking in the good old way.

Christ Jesus trod that narrow path
 Which leads man out from dreaded death,
 Which to the anointed was revealed,
 To be possess'd when Isr'el's seal'd.

Still Isr'el feed, that they may grow
 In grace and stature here below,
 Till to Thy fulness they attain,
 And in that glorious state remain.

Heirs of their God, and joint-heirs made
 With Jesus Christ, the Living Head;
 Immortal life receiv'd from Thee,
 Who art the true and Living Tree.

Matthew 5:1-17

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: ² And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

³ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

¹³ Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

¹⁴ Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

¹⁷ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and

earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Isaiah 61:1-3

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; ³ To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

⁴ And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. ⁵ And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

⁶ But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

Message;

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(Exod. 14/15–18; Matt. 11/29, 30)

FORTH in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
 My daily labour to pursue;
 Thee, only Thee resolved to know,
 In all I think, or speak, or do.

The task Thy wisdom hath assign'd,
 O let me cheerfully fulfil!
 In all my works Thy Presence find,
 And prove Thy acceptable will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
 Whose eyes my inmost substance see;
 And labour on at Thy command,
 And offer all my works to Thee.

Give me to bear Thy easy yoke,
 And every moment watch and pray;
 And still to things Eternal look,
 And hasten to Thy glorious day.