



Minutes With Jesus

Straight Talk From The Savior
About The Things That Matter Most

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“Straight Talk About Your Happiness”

MATTHEW 5:3-12

Introduction: Jesus began His first and most famous sermon by addressing our greatest felt need: the desire for happiness. Today, we are going to discover what Jesus had in mind when He promised “happiness” to His followers.

I. “Happiness” Defined (Matthew 5:3-12)

II. Overview Of The “Blessed Attitudes”

Theme: Those who model the attitudes, actions, and affections of Jesus Christ can experience genuine joy in this life and unending happiness in the next life.

III. The Paradox Of God’s Blessings (Matthew 5:3-12)

A. The Riches of Poverty (Matthew 5:3)

Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Isaiah 64:6 “We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.” (NLT)

Romans 3:10, 23 ¹⁰ “THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE. ²³ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”



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B. The Comfort of Mourning (Matthew 5:4)

Matthew 5:4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

Psalm 32:1-2 ¹ “How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!
² How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

C. The Strength of Meekness (Matthew 5:5)

Matthew 5:5 “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.”

D. The Fullness of Hunger (Matthew 5:6)

Matthew 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied.”

E. The Reward for Mercy (Matthew 5:7)

Matthew 5:7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

Matthew 6:14-15 ¹⁴ “For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.”

F. The Clarity of Purity (Matthew 5:8)

Matthew 5:8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

Psalm 24:3-4 ³ “Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully.”

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Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

Colossians 1:19-20 ¹⁹ “For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him ^{20a} and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross...”

Matthew 10:34-36 ³⁴ “Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; ³⁶ and A MAN’S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.”

H. The Joy of Persecution (Matthew 5:10-12)

Matthew 5:10-12 ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

1 Peter 4:14-16 ¹⁴ “If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; ¹⁶ but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.”

Conclusion