

3 “BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

4 “BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.

5 “BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.

6 “BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED.

7 “BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE MERCY.

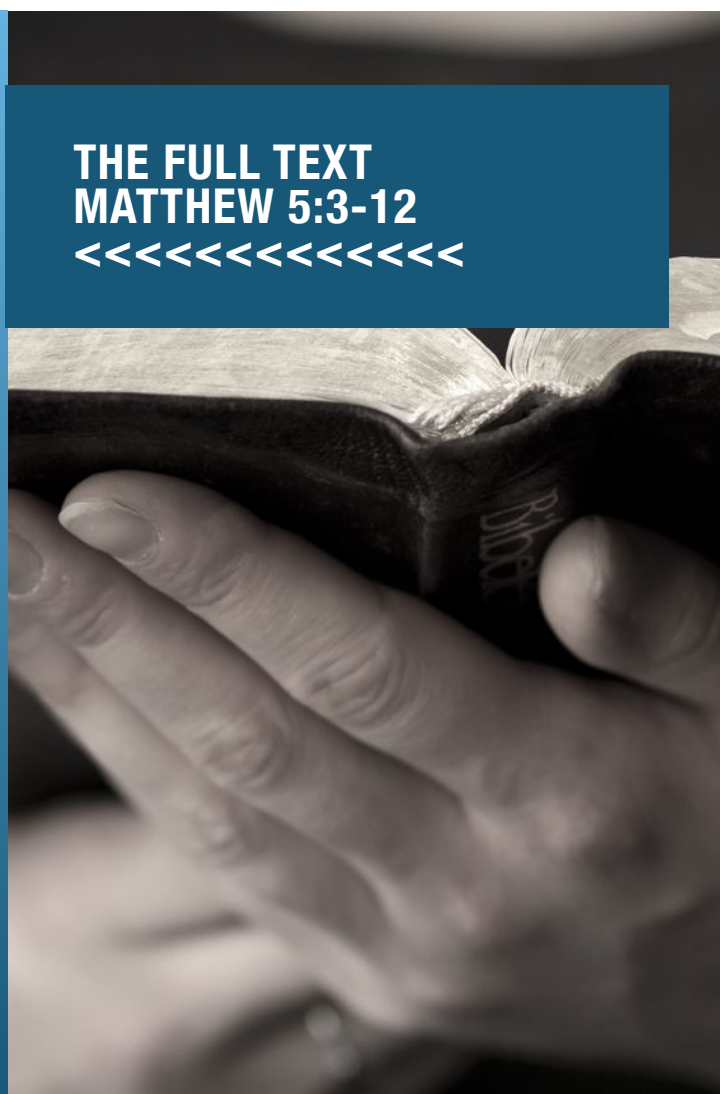
8 “BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

9 “BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS[A] OF GOD.

10 “BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

11 “BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN OTHERS REVILE YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU AND UTTER ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU FALSELY ON MY ACCOUNT. 12 REJOICE AND BE GLAD, FOR YOUR REWARD IS GREAT IN HEAVEN, FOR SO THEY PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU.

## THE FULL TEXT MATTHEW 5:3-12



## WHAT IS A BEATITUDE?

THE WORD “BEATITUDE(S)” IS NOT FOUND IN THE TEXT OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE. IT COMES FROM THE LATIN WORD “BEATUS” WHICH MEANS HAPPY OR BLESSED.

USUALLY THE TEXT FOUND IN MATTHEW 5:3-12 IS REFERRED TO AS THE EIGHT STATES OF BLESSEDNESS. TO PUT THEM IN CONTEXT, THEY WERE PART OF JESUS’ SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

THERE IS ANOTHER LIST OF BEATITUDES THAT CAN BE FOUND IN LUKE 6:20-23 THAT DIFFERS A BIT FROM THE ACCOUNT IN MATTHEW. BOTH TEXTS ARE A GREAT SOURCE OF STUDY, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND SELF-EXAMINATION.

### DO YOU KNOW THE BEATITUDES?

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| 1. Blessed are the poor in spirit | 4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness | 7. Blessed are the peacemakers                            |
| 2. Blessed are those who mourn    | 5. Blessed are the merciful                                  | 8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness |
| 3. Blessed are the meek           | 6. Blessed are the pure in heart                             |   |

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