

Matthew 5:5

I. Scripture is painting a picture of two things here.

- a. The first is Jesus. This is always the case, if you are engaging with the Bible and the focus is anything other than Jesus Christ, the main subject is missing and you will not discern the intended message of the text.
- b. The second thing we are being shown is ourselves.
 - i. OT- narratives point to the absolute brokenness of mankind.
 - ii. NT- looks at us in light of Jesus' sacrifice.
 - iii. OT- all are equally helpless and hopeless. (we are told of God's presence with anyone successful)
 - iv. NT- two kinds of people, changed by faith through the indwelling Spirit and not changed.

II. Jesus

- a. Matt 4:1-11 Jesus has contended with satan and his tempting him to take matters into his own hand, according to a man's obvious will. Food-Safety-Power. satan is appealing to OT norms. "Do what thou wilt"
- b. Psalm 37:3-11 Jesus is modeling scripture. Word made flesh...
- c. Subtitle at vs. 4:12? - Jesus' Galilean Ministry Begins,
- d. He comes to Galilee, (why? Matt 4:14-16)
- e. Luke 4:17
- f. Isaiah

III. Us

- a. we are told, "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, **"Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand"**
- b. What are we to repent of?

Matthew 5:3-5 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 those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

IV. Posture/Reward (Us)

- a. Poor in Spirit, theirs **IS** the **Kingdom of Heaven**
- b. Those who mourn, **Shall be comforted**
- c. The meek, **Shall inherit the Earth**
- d. We see the rewards, are we living this way?
- e. Gen 25:29-34 Do you think Esau knew the blessing he forfeited? What was the trade?
- f. Esau is just one example of demanding one's own way. Surely, we don't need his example to have knowledge of this kind of behavior?
- g. On our own, we are unable to live a righteous life.

V. Jesus = Done

- a. Jesus has given up his genuine right and victoriously suffered the afflictions of this life... for us

- b. **Poor in Spirit Isaiah 53:2-3**

2For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

- c. **Mourn Isaiah 53:4-6**

4Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
5But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

- d. **Meek Isaiah 53:7**

7He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

VI. Jesus demands

- a. He has given us His standard and lived by it, fulfilling the righteous demands of His law. He is now our presiding judge.
- b. John 14:15-17 & 18 15“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper to be with you forever, 17even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.
- c. 18“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

VII. Us = Need

- a. Matt 11:2-4 John’s predicament
- b. Only by the work of this helper can we really see or know these truths
- c. On our own, we do not fit this model. **We are poor in Spirit**
- d. If we are honest with ourselves, we don’t want to be comforted, we want to be accommodated. **We will be grieved**
- e. We need to be changed, acted on from outside of our nature. **He is meek**

VIII. Hear and Believe

- a. Our only hope of salvation is to hear and believe his Holy and righteous word by faith alone.
- b. Rom 10:17 faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- c. To the degree by God’s grace alone, we live by faith and give over the throne of our hearts to Jesus Christ, the one true king, we can and even will resemble these beatitudes to those around us as well as ourselves.

- d. James 1:22-25 22But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

IX. Jesus' earthly ministry was that of being the word of God made flesh.

- a. We have been put up against an impossible obedience and complete submission before a Holy God, and fall very short of his requirement, perfection.
- b. I want us/me to feel the weight of this impossibility and my aversion to the commands of God in Christ.
- c. If I miss the reality of my sin and reject; poor, mourning, and meekness, I will every time, reject my savior.
- d. Because of His perfect life of perfect submission and perfect obedience, He has bought us out of the condemnation and death that we have willingly earned.