
SERMON OUTLINE

The life we want is different than we think (Part 1)

Matthew 5:1-5

Setting/Context: Jesus talks to his disciples teaching them how follow Him (The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:1-12).

- I. The Happy Needy (*Blessed are the poor in spirit*) – Only those who recognize their neediness experience God’s help (5:3).
 - A. Experiencing God’s true blessing begins as we recognize our desperate need for God’s help.
 - B. The kingdom of heaven is home to those who are dependent, not self-righteous or self-sufficient.

- II. The Happy Mourners (*Blessed are those who mourn*) – Only those who confess their sinfulness experience God’s grace (5:4).
 - A. To experience God’s true blessing we must acknowledge our sinful brokenness.
 - B. We will experience the joy of God’s comfort only as we admit our need for God’s grace.

- III. The Happy Humble (*Blessed are the meek*) – Only those who accept their commonness will experience true significance (5:5).
 - A. To experience God’s true blessing we must admit we aren’t great and don’t need to be.
 - B. Disciples who embrace their commonness now will experience true significance eternally.