

Matthew 5:1-12 WEB

- (1) Seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain. When he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
- (2) 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 gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.
- (6) Blessed are those who 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 children of God.
- (10) Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
- (11) “Blessed are you when people reproach you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- (12) Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Luke 6:20-26 WEB

- (20) He lifted up his eyes to his disciples, and said,
“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God.
- (21) Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
- (22) Blessed are you when men shall hate you, and when they shall exclude and mock you, and throw out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake.
- (23) Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven, for their fathers did the same thing to the prophets.
- (24) “But woe to you who are rich! For you have received your consolation.
- (25) Woe to you, you who are full now, for you will be hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.
- (26) Woe, when men speak well of you, for their fathers did the same thing to the false prophets.

Matthew 5:13-20 WEB

- (13) “You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what will it be salted? It is then good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men.
- (14) You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill can’t be hidden.
- (15) Neither do you light a lamp, and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and it shines to all who are in the house.
- (16) Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- (17) “Don’t think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I didn’t come to destroy, but to fulfill.
- (18) For most certainly, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not even one smallest letter or one tiny pen stroke shall in any way pass away from the law, until all things are accomplished.
- (19) Whoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and teach others to do so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever shall do and teach them shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- (20) For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, there is no way you will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Sermon on the Mount / Sermon on the Plain

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Following are facts, questions, comments, related verses, etc. for the verses we are covering as we go through the harmony of the gospels. Some of the questions have definite answers, some do not. Some questions will hopefully cause you to consider more what God has said to us, and to you specifically, in His word. "Give diligence to present yourself approved by God, a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, properly handling the Word of Truth" (2 Tim 2:15 WEB).

Intro

Matthew chapters five, six, and seven is generally called "the sermon on the mount." Some people think Luke 6:20-49 is simply Luke's record of the sermon on the mount, and others think it is a different sermon altogether. Luke 6:20-49 is sometimes called "the sermon on the plain," or "the sermon on the plateau."

In both Matthew and Luke, Jesus begins with the kingdom, the kingdom of Heaven and the kingdom of God. He tells all who are listening to what sort of person the kingdom belongs.

Mt 5:1-2; Lk 6:20

To Whom is Jesus speaking all this? The multitude, His disciples, the pharisees, all of the above?
Does the answer to the question above effect how you may understand what Jesus speaks here?

Mt 5:3-12; Lk 6:20-26

Do any of these "Blessed"s stand out to you? Do you want to be filled/satisfied? Do you want to see God? Do you want to inherit the earth? Who will obtain or receive of inherit these things?

Compare these verses in Matthew and Luke. How are they similar? How are they different?

Mt 5:3; Lk 6:20

read Isaiah 66:1-2; Proverbs 16:19; 1 Peter 5:5b. Jesus began his message with this verse, with being poor in spirit, and it seems to me so important to not just start here, but to have this as a foundation in your daily living as a Christian.

Mt 5:5

Some translations use "gentle." Some use the word "meek" instead of gentle. Look up both words in a dictionary to see what they mean.

Mt 5:7

Look up the word "mercy" in a dictionary. Read 1 Timothy 1:15.

Mt 5:8

Do you know that the pure in heart will see God? Not the best dressed, not the one with the right words. Jesus would deal with what is within your heart. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Read Matthew 23:25-28.

Mt 5:9

What does it mean to be a peacemaker? Is there a difference between being a peace-keeper and a peacemaker? Read Romans 12:18; Proverbs 15:1; Matthew 18:15-17.

Mt 5:10-12; Lk 6:22-23

In these verses, you are blessed if you are persecuted for what reason? Read 1 Peter 4:12-16.

Mt 5:13-16

The picture of salt and light is used. Note in verses 13 and 14 Jesus says you are, and not you may become.

Mt 5:20

How do you get your righteousness to exceed that of the scribes and pharisees? Read Luke 18:9-14. Also read Philippians 3:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:30.

Conclusion

Do you have any questions related to the verses in Matthew and Luke?

Have you prayed, Lord, I want to be poor in spirit, Lord, I want to be pure in heart?