

**The Kingdom of Heaven**  
**“Intimacy with God ~ Compassion toward Men”**  
**• Understanding the Beatitudes - Part 3 •**  
Matthew 5:3-10

**IV. The Beatitudes -Matthew 5:3-12**

- A. Four ***inner*** qualities producing a Kingdom Heart
- 1/ Blessed are the ***poor in spirit***
  - 2/ Blessed are those ***who mourn***
  - 3/ Blessed are the ***meek***
  - 4/ Blessed are those who ***hunger & thirst for righteousness***
- B. Four ***expressive*** qualities of a Kingdom Heart
- 1/ Blessed are the ***merciful***
  - 2/ Blessed are the ***pure in heart***
  - 3/ Blessed are the ***peacemakers***
  - 4/ Blessed are those ***persecuted because of righteousness***

**V. Inner Qualities Producing a Kingdom Heart**

- A. **Blessed are the *poor in spirit***
- Define: 1/ A consciousness of my own **emptiness**, my inability to live **righteously** apart from God, & my desperate need of Him.  
Produces: 2/ **Humility**: A humble dependancy upon God for everything & a generous spirit towards **others**.  
Text: 3/ **Isaiah 66:2**  
Result: 4/ *theirs is the kingdom of heaven*  
a/ present tense statement  
b/ only when self is empty - is there room for God's Kingdom
- B. **Blessed are those *who mourn***
- Define: 1/ A genuine **sorrow** over sin & rebellion against God.  
Produces: 2/ **Godly sorrow**: A tender conscience & a broken heart for my own sins & pain, anguish, & **compassion** for those caught in sin.  
Text: 3/ **2 Corinthians 7:10-11**  
Result: 4/ *they will be comforted*  
a/ comfort comes through repentance/forgiveness  
b/ earnestness, eagerness
- C. **Blessed are the *meek***
- Define: 1/ **Strength** that is submitted to God's authority  
Produces: 2/ **Death of self-will**: Discarding of personal agenda, fierce loyalty to God's purposes & great **gentleness** toward others.  
Text: 3/ **Numbers 12:3** (KJV)  
Result: 4/ *they will inherit the earth*  
a/ Jesus entrusts rulership only to those totally submitted to Him - 2 Timothy 2:12 / Revelation 5:10
- D. **Blessed are those who *hunger & thirst for righteousness***
- Define: 1/ Intense longing for a **intimacy** with God  
Produces: 2/ **A Spiritual appetite**: A drive to know & experience intimacy with God  
Text: 3/ **Psalm 63; 84**  
Result: 4/ *they will be filled*