

Message Notes

MARCH 24, 2019

9:30 & 11:00am

Pastor Bill Ehmann



SERIES: WITH JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN

"MOUNTAIN OF TEACHING"

Matthew 5:1-16

Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7 are often called "Jesus' Sermon on the Mount." Many topics are covered, including anger, lust, divorce, oaths, retaliation, loving your enemies, fasting, anxiety, judging others, and a tree will be known by its fruit.

Other subjects include the Model Prayer, preparing for heaven, the Golden Rule and His famous story about houses built on sand and rock. Jesus taught with documented information, practical application and definite authority.

The sermon begins with what are called the Beatitudes, which means "blessedness." It can mean fortunate, well off and happy. For Jesus to use the term "blessed" is to indicate an extreme position of favor. We can wonder why Jesus began His teaching with this series of principles that give promise of His blessing. Part of the answer is that we really are not ready to understand and practice the rest of the sermon until our attitude understands and enjoys His blessing.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit – theirs is the kingdom of heaven. v 3
2. Blessed are those who mourn – they will be comforted. v 4
3. Blessed are the meek – they will inherit the earth. v 5
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness – they will be filled. v 6

5. Blessed are the merciful – they will be shown mercy. v 7
6. Blessed are the pure in heart – they will see God. v 8
7. Blessed are the peacemakers – they will be called sons of God. v 9
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness – theirs is the kingdom of heaven. v 10
9. Blessed are those who are hurt because of Me – their reward is in heaven. vs 11-12
10. Be salt and light – that is why you are on Planet Earth until Jesus comes for you. vs 13-16

Why the "blessed" introduction?

1. We are not ready to understand and practice God's Truth until our heart is in a right relationship with Creator God.
2. As a child of God, we are not ready to be useful until our attitude of submission to His authority is in place.
3. When the "blessed" life perspective is our life experience, we are ready to follow the rest of the sermon.
4. The blessing is not material – it is spiritual and eternal. Someone suggested the Beatitudes could be summarized: Happy are the hurting!

NEXT SUNDAY

March 31,
2019
9:30 &
11:00 A.M.

Series: With Jesus on the Mountain
"MOUNTAIN OF TRANSFIGURATION"
Matthew 17:1-13

Spanish interpretation available at 11:00am service