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The Sermon on the Mount

5 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. ² Then 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.
⁶ Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for
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 sons of God.
¹⁰ Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake,

What a beautiful beginning to a sermon! Jesus started His lesson by telling everyone He wanted them to be blessed! I find comfort in the fact that God wishes blessings on each one of us. The reason for the entirety of God teachings is so we can be blessed. I hope that our study of this sermon will be a blessing to you. I want to challenge each one of us to read over Matthew 5-7 this week to seek out how to receive these blessings.

John

A New Life

Acts 5:20 "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life."

The Apostles were obedient to the commands of the Lord Jesus Christ. They were in the process of teaching people in the city of Jerusalem the gospel. Many men and women believed due to their preaching and were added to the church. At the time they were meeting with success they began to be attacked. Some Sadducees decided to put a stop to their preaching. The Apostles were arrested and placed in jail but that night an angel of the Lord opened the door of the prison. They were told to go back to the temple courts and proclaim the message that they were just arrested for proclaiming. At daybreak they were doing that very thing.

What were they told to preach? First they were told to preach the full message. This is no different than Jesus stated before he ascended. The disciples were to teach all things that he had commanded. The full message must be preached and the full message must be obeyed by the listeners. The part of the message to be stressed was the new life. Christianity was different from what they had grown up living. It was a totally different life style. This they were to present to the people. Christianity strives to be different from the world. Christianity seeks to serve God wholeheartedly. God must be glorified and his kingdom must come first. Just like the Apostles, let's make it our ambition to tell God's full message and let's present the new life found in serving Christ. Living the Christian life is the very best life.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Iris Anderson - undergoing chemo
- Mike Andrews
- Ann Brady
- Carly Britt - home
- Alice Bolton - surgery Jan. 11 at Vanderbilt
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - NHC Hillview, Rm. 217
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- J.W. Gilliam
- Ed Johnson - recovering from surgery - home
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Minnie Morrow
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- James Ed Pollard - NHC Hillview, Rm. 227-A
- Ned Pollard - to come home tomorrow
- Jimmy Quirk - In Texas for tests
- Barney Roland - MPMC, Rm. 394
- Ethel Spears - NHC Hillview, Rm. 111
- Melissa Stutts - undergoing chemo
- David Upchurch - home
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Little Knox Waggoner - grandson of DeWayne & Cindy Hickman - heart surgery Jan. 19, Doug Wilson - brother of Peggy Jones, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Mata Tzanetos' brother, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Billie Andrews, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Tracey Davis Baker - daughter of Donnie & Sharon, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Dora Bolton - mother of James, JoAnn Anderson - mother of Katherine Nicholson, Ginger Chesnut - cancer, Jay Morgan - father-in-law of Kim, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Lou Miller NHC Columbia Rm 152, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Allen Brown, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, Stormy Lyle - 1305 Old Mill Road, Moore, OK 73160, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, NHC Hillview Rm. 106.

WORSHIP LEADERS JANUARY 10, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Benny Bolton
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Tommy Hight
 Gary Boyd Jeremy Britt
 Jerry Ballard Barrow Brown
 Byran Farris Terry Burgess
 Jim Anderson Ed Johnson
 Read: John 1:29-34.....Barry Cross
 Sermon: Behold the Lamb of God.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 12:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
 Prayer.....Randy Jones
 Read: Matthew 5:1-10.....Brennon White
 Sermon: Blessed are the Poor in Spirit.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Ed Hargrove
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Mike Lyle

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Beverly Wesley and her family in the death of her great aunt, Juanita Voss, whose funeral will be at Oakes & Nichols tomorrow at 1 p.m. Visitation is today from 4 to 8.

Ushers: Bobby Daniels, Bill Fuller, Danny Lasater
 Greeters: Lori Lee, Jason & Brecca Snyder, Rosemary Macer
 Audio/Visual: Jerry Thornton

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton P.M. Cheyenne McNeese, Chris Mobley

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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Donna Hubbell, Joyce Johnson
 P.M.....Melissa Jones, Lisa Kelley

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderNathan Hixson
 Prayer.....Mike Lyle
 Announcements/Spoker.....Joe Macer