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## Sermon on the Mount The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-12

- I. The <u>character</u> required of the citizens of heaven
  - A. Inter-related qualities
  - B. Those who are:
    - 1. Poor in spirit
    - 2. Mourn
    - 3. Meek
    - 4. Hunger & thirst for righteousness
    - 5. Merciful
    - 6. Pure in heart
    - 7. Peacemakers
    - 8. Persecuted for righteousness sake
- II. The blessedness of the citizens of the Kingdom
  - A. Their condition can be summed up as "blessed"
  - B. Their blessedness is understandable in light of the <u>benefits</u> they receive:
    - 1. Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven
    - 2. They shall be comforted
    - 3. They shall inherit the earth
    - 4. They shall be filled
    - 5. They shall obtain mercy
    - 6. They shall see God
    - 7. They shall be called the sons of God
- III. Takeaway:
  - A. Knowing all this, we can better <u>comprehend</u> our "blessedness"
  - B. The benefits of the Kingdom far <u>outweigh</u> what this world can offer