

The sermon on the mount

(Matthew 5:1-3)

Verse 1-2

This is the first sermon Jesus gave in His earthly ministry. When a rabbi would teach in the synagogue, he would sit down to teach instead of standing. We The teacher sitting down was a way of saying "class is about to start, listen up." We see another example of this when Jesus was teaching in the synagogue. [Luke 4:14-21](#)

Verse 3

This verse starts the section of scripture referred to as the beatitudes. The word beatitude comes from Latin word for blessedness (*beatus*). Since this section of scripture starts multiple verses on the blessed person, this section has been called the beatitudes. The Greek word used for blessedness is *Makarios*

Oracles

An oracle is a message from God or the words of God.

Oracles were broken down into 2 categories: **Woe and weal**

- Woe=Doom, judgment
- Weal =blessed

Oracles of woe:

[Isaiah 3:11](#) Woe to the wicked! *It will go badly with him*, For what he deserves will be done to him.

[Isaiah 5:20](#) Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

[Isaiah 10:5](#) Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hands is My indignation,

[Isaiah 45:9](#) "Woe to *the one* who quarrels with his Maker— An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will the clay say to the potter, 'What are you doing?' Or the thing you are making *say*, 'He has no hands'?"

[Matthew 11:21](#) "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

[Matthew 23:13-29](#): Woe to the pharisees

[Revelation 8:13](#) Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "***Woe, woe, woe*** to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

Blessed oracles:

[Numbers 6 :24-26](#) The Lord bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The Lord make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'

[Psalm 1:1](#) How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

[Psalm 2:12](#) Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish *in* the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

Psalm 32:1-2 How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered! ²How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit!

Psalm 65:4 How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You To dwell in Your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

Jeremiah 17:7 Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord And whose trust is the Lord.

Matthew 16:17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Galatians 3:9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with ^[a]Abraham, the believer.

Romans 4:7-8 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, And whose sins have been covered. ⁸"Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account."

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

1 Peter 4:14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

Revelation 19:9 Then he *said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he *said to me, "These are true words of God."

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.

Being blessed is from God as it speaks of God's favor upon people.

Verse 3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- This is referring to those who are humble, broken, and poor in spirit who know they have no hope in themselves and are nothing without God. The poor in spirit do not boast in themselves, but depend absolutely are dependent on God's mercy, grace, and favor. The poor in spirit do not rely on their own righteousness as their righteousness is poor and bankrupt but, rely on the work of Christ.
 - **Psalm 51: 16-17** For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
 - **Isaiah 57:15** For thus says the high and exalted One Who ^[a]lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell *on* a high and holy place, And *also* with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.
 - **Luke 18:9-14** And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be ^[b]merciful to me, the sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

