

“How to Live as a Kingdom Citizen”

(A Study of the Sermon on the Mount)

“Week 1: The Kingdom, and the Character of Its Citizens”

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Matthew 4:23-5:12 (*New American Standard*)

^{4:23} And Jesus was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. ²⁴ And the news about Him went out into all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, taken with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. ²⁵ And great multitudes followed Him from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

^{5:1} And when He saw the multitudes, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. ² And opening His mouth He began to teach 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 gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive 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 have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. ¹² "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

I. CONCEPTS

A. The “Kingdom of heaven”

B. “Blessedness”

II. CONTEXT

III. CONTENT

A. “poor in spirit”

B. “mourn”

C. “gentle”

D. “hunger and thirst for righteousness”

E. “merciful”

F. “pure in heart”

G. “peacemakers”

H. “persecuted for the sake of righteousness”