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**SERMON ON THE MOUNT**





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- Sermon on the Mount
- Beatitudes
- Three-fold audience
- Distinct progression
- Forces a decision



# Blessed

- “Blessed” in classical Greek was used of the gods
- It does not mean “happy”
- God wants more for you than that



# Poor

- Poor in spirit
- To cringe or cower
- Beggar
- Bankruptcy of self
- Yours is the kingdom of God



# Hungry

- Hunger for righteousness
- Past sins
- You will be satisfied
- Used of feeding livestock until they want no more



# Blaise Pascal

“What is it, then, that this desire and this inability proclaim to us, but that there was once in man a true happiness of which there now remain to him only the mark and empty trace, which he in vain tries to fill from all his surroundings, seeking from things absent the help he does not obtain in things present? **But these are all inadequate, because the infinite abyss can only be filled by an infinite and immutable object, that is to say, only by God Himself...**”

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He only is our true good, and since we have forsaken Him, it is a strange thing that there is **nothing in nature which has not been serviceable in taking His place**; the stars, the heavens, earth, the elements, plants, cabbages, leeks, animals, insects, calves, serpents, fever, pestilence, war, famine, vices, adultery, incest.



# Weep

- Matthew has “mourn”
- Occupation
- Weeping is the emotional response to what has come before



# Laugh

- Laughing is the result of being made right with God
- Joy over forgiveness and righteousness



# Ostracized

- Hate
- Ostracize = aphorizo
  - Apo – apart
  - Horizo – mark off boundaries
- Scorn your name as evil



# Leap

- Be glad and leap for joy
- Behold – look, see, perceive
- Your **reward** is great in heaven



# C.S. Lewis

"...If we consider...the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures...like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."