

Title: Kingdom Promises

Text: Matthew 5:1-11

Target: Every principle carries a promise, but when the promise carries us, we live by no ordinary principles, but instead KINGDOM PRINCIPLES.

I. Vertical Pursuit: Love God

1. **Requires Personal Introspection:** (Vs. 3-4)
 - a. **Our Attitude toward Self:** “**poor** in spirit, for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven.**” (Vs. 3)
 - b. **Our Attitude toward Sin:** “those who **mourn**, for they shall be **comforted.**” (Vs. 4)
2. **Reveals a Practical Expectation:**
 - a. **Our Attitude toward Submission:** “the **meek**, for they shall **inherit the earth.**” (Vs. 5)
 - b. **Our Attitude toward Satisfaction:** “those who **hunger** and **thirst** for righteousness, for they shall be **satisfied.**” (Vs. 6)

II. Horizontal Principles: Love People

1. **Requires Perspective in every Situation:**
 - a. **Our Attitude towards Sympathy:** “the **merciful**, for they shall receive **mercy.**” (Vs. 7)
 - b. **Our Attitude towards in Sincerity:** “**pure** in heart, for they shall **see God.**” (Vs. 8)
 - c. **Our Attitude towards Strife:** “**peacemakers**, for they shall be **called sons of God.**” (Vs.9)
2. **Reveals how to Prevail in Defamation:**
 - a. **Our Attitude towards Suffering:** “**persecuted** for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven.**” (Vs.10)
 - b. **Our Attitude towards Slander:** “when others **revile** you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your **reward is great in heaven**, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Vs. 11-12)

Take Away: The Beatitudes teach us how to live with the “Action of Blessing” by first having an “Attitude of Blessing”