

Those Other Beatitudes

Matt. 5:3-11

Introduction:

- A. Most Bible readers are familiar the beatitudes of Jesus in the sermon on the mount.
 - 1. Called beatitudes because the word means “supreme blessed of happiness.”
 - 2. Jesus tells who is blessed and why.
- B. There are other “beatitudes” or pronouncements of blessedness in the Bible.
 - 1. Each of these tells who is blessed and why.
 - 2. These are so important that they need our attention.

Discussion:

- I. “Blessed Is the Man to Whom God Will Not Impute Sin” (Rom. 4:8)**
 - A. Blessed because he is a forgiven man (Rom. 4:7; cf. Psa. 32:1-6)
 - 1. Not that God did not charge him with sin,
 - 2. But, that God forgave when he acknowledged his sin.
 - B. Blessed because he is no longer separated from God. (Isa. 59:2)
 - C. Blessed because he is in a position to face the judgement (Matt. 7:22-23)
- II. “Blessed Is the Man That Endureth Temptation” (Jas. 1:12).**
 - A. Blessed because he shall receive the crown of life.
 - 1. Not because he was tempted, but that he endured (cf. Rev. 2:10)
 - 2. This kind of crown was a reward for victory.
 - B. He endures with the help of God (1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 4:15-16)
- III. “Blessed Is He That Readeth ...” (Rev. 1:3)**
 - A. Blessed because he hears what is written.
 - B. Blessed because he does what is written (cf. Jas. 1:23-25)
- IV. “Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord” (Rev. 14:13)**
 - A. Blessed because they die “in the Lord.” or in fellowship with Him.
 - 1. They were baptized into the Lord (cf. Gal. 3:26-27)
 - 2. They continued to abide in the Lord (cf. John 15:4-7)
 - B. Blessed because they rest from their labors.
 - 1. They have not been idle in Lord’s work.
 - 2. They have found that rest that remains for the people of God. (Heb. 4:9)
- V. “Blessed Are They That Do His Commandments” (Rev. 22:14).**
 - A. Blessed because they have right to the tree of life – the right that man lost in Eden.
 - B. Blessed because they will enter through “the gates of the city.”

Conclusion:

- A. Are you among the truly blessed?
- B. Remember all spiritual blessings are in Christ (Eph. 1:3)
 - 1. Have you been baptized into Christ?
 - 2. Are you still abiding in Christ?