



LET'S GO DEEPER

SERMON NOTES - BLESSED ARE YOU - August 25th - Pastor Rob

MATTHEW 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

1. This is truth from Jesus (about His Kingdom Jesus the King

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you can rest in the fact that he knows the truth when it comes to the Kingdom of God. You can listen to your pastor of course, but NOT if he teaches you something that doesn't line up with the truth of Jesus.

You can read philosophers, theologians, and other literary works from Christians throughout the centuries, but if they lead you away from these blessings, they are not the truth of Jesus. They are false messages.

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the one that can really tell us about the Kingdom of Heaven and why?

2. Why is this important when understanding how the Kingdom of Heaven operates?

3. Should we follow anyone that teaches something that doesn't align with Jesus?



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Why the change?

Jesus is the ONE to tell us the truth about the Kingdom of Heaven Everybody's looking for love. Here's the truest expression of love.

These pronouncements of blessings are for you if you feel like you don't deserve it. These are for you when you don't know what to do. When someone speaks poorly of you. When you are at the end of your rope.

But also... The blessings mean, you don't need to get to the end of your rope. TAKE HEART! For he has overcome the world. When everyone else would be defeated, you are a conqueror, because Jesus is your king.

When everyone is drowning in worry, fear, loneliness, anger, apathy, regret. You will not be taken down, because yours is the kingdom of heaven.

When the world uses every tactic, it can think of to gain just a little advantage. You will not be moved. You will hold your integrity and put your faith on the solid rock. And though storms will come, and storms will go. The peace of God will remain with you.

The blessing for you... **GOD IS WITH YOU.** Rejoice!!! The Kingdom of God is here!

2. His Truth is Not Subjective

Your life of blessing is only subject to one thing... God's objective truth...

DON'T EQUATE THE GOODNESS OF GOD WITH WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE. DON'T EQUATE IT WITH WHAT YOU HAVE!! He is good whether you have it or not.

He is Good **ALL THE TIME.** This is something you need to know if you decide to be a follower of Christ. Don't come in, with your ideas of what He needs to do for you. You **WILL** be disappointed.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does being a follower of Jesus mean?

2. How is he making us to his image?

3. What is our true identity if we know him?



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Philippians 3:7-11

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Matthew 6:25

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

God’s blessings for you are NOT subject to your experience. He is not in the business of giving us everything we want. A good parent would never do that. He will give you what you need to overcome. He will give you an abundance of peace that passes all understanding. He will give you an abundance of joy... in HIM! His blessings for you are YES and AMEN, and they are the same for you each and every day.

We may like our ears tickled with abundance... But that’s not the gospel message.

3. There is a Requirement

Micah 6:8

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

QUESTIONS:

1. What is our life of blessing related to?

2. What happens if those ‘needs’ we have been waiting for don’t come? Is God still good?

3. Is God in the business of giving us everything we want?



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The blessing for your life, which is found right here in the beatitudes. Is not just a blessing for you. It is a blessing for all God's children, so we may show that blessing to those around us.

If someone along the way led you to believe that God was a magic tonic for all of life's problems. That he was a granter of wishes. This is not the way of the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:13-14 (Narrow is the gate)

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

We are also required to keep the commands of Christ. We are required to follow him.

John 12:23-26

Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.”

Every one of us is called to die to ourselves. When we die to ourselves, we become something significant. We become poor in spirit. And what does God teach us about being poor in spirit? Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

And this is the good news!!

Do NOT be AFRAID!!! Die to yourself!! Let him in fully!! He died so you could have this relationship with him! So you could (through Jesus), come boldly to the throne of the Father.

1 John 1:5-7

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim

QUESTIONS:

1. Why do we need to die to ourselves?

2. What is the real way of the Kingdom of Heaven?

3. What are we required to do?
