

# Matthew 5:1–12 — Blessings of the Kingdom

- 1.) How would you understand what it is to be blessed?  
How can we bless God?
- 2.) Look up these Old Testament examples – and compare them with what Jesus is talking about.

Abraham: Genesis 18:27

Jacob: Genesis 32:10

David: Psalm 51:17

Job: Job 42:5-6

Isaiah: Isaiah 6:5

And these New Testament examples –

John the Baptist: John 1:27; 3:30

The tax collector: Luke 18:13-14

The centurion: Luke 7:6-9

Peter: Luke 5:8

Paul: Romans 7:18, 2 Corinthians 4:7, 1 Timothy 1:15-16

What understanding *must* we have if we are to receive the blessings of the Kingdom?

What understanding will *prevent us* from receiving these things?

- 3.) What will it look like in *our culture* to “hunger and thirst for righteousness”? (v. 6.)
- 4.) If and when we are persecuted, what is it that will keep us going? (v.10-12)
- 5.) What would you say to someone who asked, “Isn’t Christianity a crutch for people who can’t do it by themselves?” Why?

See also Mark 2:17.