

**Victoria Fellowship Church**  
**International & Interdenominational**  
**Bible Study Worksheet – January 02, 2022**

**Theme: The Beatitudes      Topic: Understanding the Kingdom Blessing**

**Main Text: Matthew 5:1-12; Ephesians 1:3-14**

**Key verse: Proverbs 8:32:** *“Now therefore, listen to me, my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways.” (NKJV)*

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**INTRODUCTION:** Many Bible translators have titled Matthew 5-7 as ‘The Sermon on the Mount.’ And it is possibly the greatest sermon of all time. In that sermon, Jesus Christ outlined some of the central themes of the Kingdom of God. The Sermon on the Mount was prefixed with what is popularly called ‘The Beatitudes’ (Matthew 5:1-12) where Jesus outlined the nature of God’s blessing and the disposition of the recipients of that blessing. But these days, we have “Solution Mountains,” “Breakthrough Encounters,” “Miracle Nights” “Supernatural Impartation” “Anointing Services” - church programs promising all manner of blessings. “Come and have all your problems solved!” say the Church flyers. Yet, in the Beatitudes, Jesus says ‘*Blessed are the ...*’ The blessings are embedded in our intimacy with Him.

- 1. Jesus is the King of the Kingdom. If anyone should know the culture of His Kingdom, it is the King Himself. In Matthew 5: 3-10 and Ephesians 1:3-14 the King lists certain dispositions of His citizens. (a) What are they? (b) Do you think some of these listed dispositions are optional? Why or why not? (c) How do the words of Jesus Christ, “*Blessed are the ... for they shall ...*” compare with the Church flyers promising blessings and all manner of breakthroughs?**

There is so much confusion about what being blessed by God means. Little wonder that those crusades and programs promising one blessing or the other are usually packed full. But the word translated as ‘Blessed’ in Matthew 5 is the Greek word *Makarios*. According to NIV study Bible, *Makarios means a state of existence in relationship to God in which a person is “blessed” from God’s perspective even when he or she does not feel happy or is not presently experiencing good fortune. This does not mean a conferral of blessing or an exhortation to live a life worthy of blessing; rather, it is an acknowledgment that the ones indicated are blessed. Negative feelings, absence of feelings, or adverse conditions cannot take away the blessedness of those who exist in relationship with God.* But Kingdom blessing is far much more than all the things people go after from one crusade, ‘solution mountain,’ ‘miracle nights,’ to another. God has far bigger ideas for us! (Read Ephesians 1:3).

- 2. Read Psalm 1:3; Matthew 5:3-10; 6:33; Ephesians 1:3-11; Galatians 3:14 (a) From these passages, what is the nature of the Kingdom blessing? (b) How does the blessedness spoken of in these passages compare with the things by which today’s Christians consider themselves blessed by God? (c) What does that say to you about true Kingdom blessing and how they are obtained?**

Finally, you will not find one reference in Scripture that urges us to go seeking after blessings and scouting the city for miracle programs and solution prophets. Why? Because divine blessing is “Terms and Conditions Apply.” We do not access the Kingdom blessing by prayer, fasting, doing good works, religious observances, etc. Our King Himself tells us how to walk daily in Kingdom blessing. (Matthew 5:3-12).

- 3. According to Deuteronomy 28:1-2; 1 Samuel 15:22; Isaiah 1:19; Proverbs 8:32 (a) What is the one “secret” that unleashes Kingdom blessing on you without toil and exertion? (b) What other secret to accessing Kingdom blessing does Ephesians 1:3 reveal? (c) Seeing that no amount of prayer and fasting, tithing, giving and good works, can take the place of obedience. What will you do with this understanding?**

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**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, this day, I prepare my heart, not to seek blessings but to seek You, Your Kingdom, and its righteousness. You are a rewarder of those who seek You diligently and I rest in Your faithfulness. Amen.*