

Shiloh Chapel Ministries:
Sunday, September 15, 2013
Sermon on the Mount Series
'More than meets the eye'

Lesson 2: Blessings!

- **Blessings** – what are they?
- "I feel _____ ."

Which would bring you the greatest _____?

Choose only one: _____

Some insights:

- Somewhat similar passage: *Sermon on the Plain* _____
- EBCNT offers _____ of interpretation / application
- Best application: _____

The Sermon on the Mount (SOTM) seems to fit best in this way: our _____ in God's eternal Kingdom.

- We receive blessings now, but not _____
- we have Jesus with us now, but not _____
- we strive to live these high ideals perfectly, but often _____
- we live under grace, not _____, . .
- In a phrase, Jesus said it this way, in 6.8: "Do not be like _____."
- We are part of another Kingdom _____, and it's all because of Jesus!

Preface:

1. ^{MT 4:16} the people living in darkness have seen a _____ on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."
2. ^{MT 4:17} From that time on Jesus began to preach, _____ for the kingdom of heaven is near."
3. 4.¹⁹ "Come, _____" Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men

Text: Matthew 5.1-12, NIV

The Message: **You're** _____

'Blessing' does not translate to _____

- It implies the _____ or enviable state of those who are in God's kingdom.
- To Jesus, "blessed" means the experience of _____ independent of outward circumstances.
- To find hope and joy, the deepest form of happiness, _____ no matter what the cost. LAB

8 Blessings:

- 4 relate to _____
- 4 relate to _____
- #4 is a _____ between them
- The 1st and last have a _____ blessing, the others are _____

8 Blessings a Christian can't live without:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the _____
 - "to be 'poor in spirit' is to acknowledge our spiritual _____ indeed, our spiritual _____ before God." John Stott, pp. 39. The Message of The SOTM
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be _____
 - Not a mourning of a loss of a _____
 - 2nd step of the process: not just a knowledge of our bankruptcy, but a _____ over _____
 - We also grieve over the _____, the sins of our _____
 - God will _____

3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit _____

- Greek means : _____ considerate, courteous
- (fruit of the Spirit!!)
- Simple test: How do you handle _____

4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be _____

- What is your supreme ambition: _____
- 3rd step: a new appetite for _____
- Suggestion: _____

5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown _____

- 'Mercy is _____ for people in need' J.S., p.47
- Grace deals with the _____
- Mercy deals with the _____

6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will _____

- Inward purity = _____
- Pretending / acting = _____
- ^{PS 51:10} Create in me a _____
O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called _____

- Who is the 'Prince of Peace?'
- ^{ISA 9:6} For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, . . .
- And he will be called . . . Prince of Peace.
- "Arrogant, _____ do not concern themselves with peacemaking' LABC, p.80
- Romans _____

8. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the _____

- 'Persecution is simply the clash between two irreconcilable _____' J.S., p.52
- Make sure you are being persecuted for _____
- persecuted because of _____
- ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you

- Summary: ¹² Rejoice and ☺ _____ because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same

way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Blessings: more than _____

- _____
- _____ for the kingdom of heaven is near."
 - _____
- Come, _____
- Why not memorize these 8?
- You are blessed;
- Now let's bless _____
- All because of _____