

## Adult Sunday School Lesson

### Nassau Bay Baptist Church

August 30, 2020

#### Read Matthew 5:1-12

Today we want to see some “Wisdom Literature” in the New Testament. We call them the *Beatitudes*.

The *Beatitudes* (and much of the Sermon) is a collection of wisdom sayings. Beatitudes are sayings that begin with “Blessed is/are . . .” As a wise man, Jesus demonstrated His ability to collect sayings into a group. Of course, these sayings are all His. This is always true, even when He quotes the Old Testament.

And, of course, the Sermon on the Mount is much more than just a collection of sayings.

#### Matthew 5:1-2

Let’s look at the verbs:

- He saw—The people
- He went up—The mountain
- He sat down—Disciples came
- He opened—His mouth
- He taught—Them
- He said—Sermon on the Mount

We see what Jesus did, taking the initiative in order to teach the people.

#### Matthew 5:3-11

3. **Poor in Spirit**—Those who humbly trust God, often receiving persecution in return. “Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Eternal life, seen from the perspective of one already saved.
4. **Mourn**—Manifested grief over death of a loved one. One who dies as result of persecution. “They will be comforted.”
5. **Meek**—Strength under God’s control; power without undue harshness. “They shall inherit the earth.”
6. **Hungering and Thirsting for Righteousness**—“They shall be filled.”
7. **Merciful**—Merciful, compassionate. “They shall obtain mercy.”
8. **Pure in Heart**—Clean, pure, unstained. Decision-making process. “They shall see God.”
9. **Peacemakers**—“They shall be called sons of God.”
10. **Persecuted**—Put to flight. Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

11. **Persecute, Rejoice, Glad**—“You are not the first!”