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CITIZENS AND SAINTS

– Matthew 5:1-12 –

*Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain,
and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:*

– vv 1-2

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

– vs 3

"Our imaginary goodness is more difficult to conquer than our actual sin. Man can sooner be cured of his sicknesses than be made to forego his boasts of health. Human weakness is a small obstacle to salvation compared with human strength; there lies the work and the difficulty. Hence, it is a sign of grace to know one's need of grace. He who knows and feels that he is in darkness has some light in his soul."

– Charles Spurgeon

“Whenever we find that our religious life is making us feel that we are good – above all, that we are better than someone else – I think we may be sure that we are being acted on, not by God, but by the devil.”

– C.S. Lewis

*“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.*

– vs 4

"Some Christians seem to imagine that, especially if they are filled with the Spirit, they must wear a perpetual grin on their face and be continuously boisterous and bubbly. The truth is that there are such things as Christian tears, and too few of us ever weep them."

– John Stott

*“Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.*

– vs 5

"Meekness causes the believer to bear patiently those insults and injuries which he receives at the hands of his fellows, and makes him ready to accept instruction or admonition from the least of the saints, moving him to think highly of others than of himself. Meekness enables the Christian to endure provocations without being inflamed by them: he remains cool when others get heated."

– A.W. Pink

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

– vs 6

*“Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.*

– vs 7

*“Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.*

– vs 8

*“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.*

– vs 9

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

– vv 10-12

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

– John 3:1-3

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

– Ephesians 2:19

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

– Colossians 3:13-14



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