



Topic: Sermon On The Mount: Part I, The Beatitudes

In Matthew, following Jesus' temptation, we are presented with the Sermon On The Mount. It begins with The Beatitudes, which gives the foundation, ethics and character that His disciples should have and the blessings that are promised to those who do. Though probably not His first public teaching it is one of the longest recorded in the Bible. It is also considered by some to be the "Declaration of the Kingdom." It does not deal with salvation but rather how regarding Jesus as King translates into our daily living.

Scriptures: Matthew 5: 1-12

Questions:

1. There are a total of 9 different foundations listed. Though presented proverb-like, can you pick 3 (or more if you'd like) and provide a description of what they mean?

2. Salvation promises Heaven and The Beatitudes promises the Kingdom, are they the same or different?

3. Take a moment to reflect on these. Has reviewing them changed anything for you?