

WHAT IT MEANS TO
BE HUMAN

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THE BEATITUDES

5 One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, ² and he began to teach them.

3 “God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

4 God blesses those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5 God blesses those who are humble,
for they will inherit the whole earth.

6 God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice,
for they will be satisfied.

7 God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure,
for they will see God.

9 God blesses those who work for peace,
for they will be called the children of God.

10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

THE BEATITUDES

■ ARE NOT:

- A LIST OF DO'S AND DON'TS
- A FORMULA TO WHICH SHOULD CONFORM

■ ARE:

- A TRUTH
- A WINDOW INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

THE BEATITUDES

- THE UNEXPECTED
- BLESSED ARE THOSE THAT AVOID MOURNING
 - WHO MOURNS?
 - WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE THAT MOURN?
 - IS MOURNING A SIGN OF WEAKNESS?

REVELATION 21:1-5

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

SO WHAT

- STOP AVOIDING PAIN

- RISK

- FORGIVE

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