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# Home Worship Guide

## The Beatitudes: Pt. 1

Over the next couple of weeks, we will walk through the teachings of Jesus accounted by Matthew. Known commonly as the Beatitudes, Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with these teachings. Is there significance or application to us today? Let's dig in to find out!

# WELCOME

## **Why should we do a family devotional?**

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

## **How to use this devotional:**

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

# PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

# MONDAY

## The Big Picture

**Read: Matthew 5:1-2, 17; Deut. 18:15-19**

Sometimes, when we stand too close to a painting, we only notice the small details—the blend of colors, the texture of brush strokes—without grasping the beauty of the entire artwork. It is only when we step back that the full masterpiece comes into view. In the same way, our approach to reading the Bible can be limited if we fail to consider the broader context of a passage. As we prepare to study the Beatitudes of Jesus, it is helpful to step back and appreciate what God is accomplishing through the larger narrative. In the first four chapters of Matthew, he repeatedly draws connections between Jesus and Moses. At the beginning of chapter five, Matthew once again calls attention to these connections, expecting his audience to recall the Old Testament teachings. The setting—Jesus going up on a mountain to teach—mirrors the giving of the Mosaic law at Mt. Sinai. Just as Moses received and delivered God’s law to the Israelites, Jesus now ascends the mountain to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of heaven to His disciples.

In Deuteronomy 18, the Lord communicates that He will raise up a prophet like Moses.

Matthew helps us to see that Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of this prophecy. Having before us the full cannon of scripture, we can clearly see the masterpiece of God’s plan of redemption accomplished in Christ. As the Messiah, Jesus is the second and greater Moses.

Even more profoundly, He is God Himself, the Word made flesh, who came to perfectly fulfill the Mosaic law and inaugurate a new covenant for God’s people.

### Discussion Questions:

How does understanding the context of scripture help us in our study?

### **Pray**

Thank you, God, for your grand story of redemption, accomplished fully in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Sing**

Christ the True  
and Better Adam

# CHRIST THE TRUE AND BETTER ADAM

Christ the true and better Adam  
Son of God and Son of man  
Who, when tempted in the garden  
Never yielded, never sinned  
He who makes the many righteous  
Brings us back to life again  
Dying, He reversed the curse  
Then rising, crushed the serpent's head

Christ the true and better Isaac  
Humble Son of sacrifice  
Who would climb the fearful mountain  
There to offer up His life  
Laid with faith upon the altar  
Father's joy and only Son  
There salvation was provided  
Oh, what full and boundless love

Amen, amen  
From beginning to end  
Christ the story, His the glory  
Alleluia, amen

Christ the true and better Moses  
Called to lead a people home  
Standing bold to earthly powers  
God's great glory to be known  
With his arms stretched wide to heaven  
See the waters part in two  
See the veil is torn forever  
Cleansed with blood we pass now through



Christ the true and better David  
Lowly shepherd, mighty King  
He, the champion in the battle  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
In our place He bled and conquered  
Crown Him Lord of majesty  
His shall be the throne forever  
We shall e'er His people be

# TUESDAY

## Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

**Read: Matthew 5:3; Lk. 18:10-14; Is. 66:1-2**

In Matthew 4, Jesus proclaims to the people, “repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” He preaches the good news with authority, healing every disease and affliction. Through both word and deed, Jesus demonstrates as the Messiah, He is ushering in a new kind of kingdom. However, this kingdom is not what the people were expecting. The listeners might have been confused, asking questions like, “Who are the poor in spirit? And why, of all people, are they blessed?” It would seem logical to assume that the rich in spirit are blessed, but Christ’s statement challenges all conventional wisdom. The world often associates the term blessed with an abundance of wealth, possessions, or status. Jesus, however, declares that those who are lacking and in need are the ones who are truly blessed. Jesus’ teaching raises the question: What does it mean to be poor in spirit? To be poor in spirit is to acknowledge one’s spiritual bankruptcy before God. In contrast, those who are rich in spirit are self-sufficient, satisfied in their own righteousness. Isaiah 66 illustrates this distinction, as the Lord states that He looks with favor on those who are humble in heart—those who tremble at His words and recognize the vast chasm between God’s holiness and man’s sinfulness.

Jesus provides further clarification in the parable found in Luke 18. In this story, the Pharisee prays with self-sufficiency, thankful for his own perceived righteousness. He is rich in spirit, relying on his works and pride, yet remains condemned and guilty before God. In contrast, the tax collector refuses even to look up toward heaven and instead cries out for mercy. This demonstrates what it means to be poor in spirit: to recognize one’s spiritual bankruptcy before the Lord and to abandon any confidence in personal righteousness or strength. Praise God that by His grace alone we are made aware of our sinfulness before Him and thus live by faith alone upon the merit of Christ for our justification.

### Discussion Question

What does it mean to be poor in spirit?

### **Pray**

Lord, we are poor in spirit and in need of you. Have mercy on us sinners. By your grace, may we trust in Christ alone for salvation.

### **Sing**

*O Great God!*

# O GREAT GOD!

O great God of highest heav'n  
Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme  
Conquer every rebel power

Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin  
Had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within  
Had no taste for heaven's joys

Then Your Spirit gave me life  
Opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son  
Give me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face

You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven  
Glorify Your Name through me



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# WEDNESDAY

## Blessed are Those Who Mourn

**Read: Matt. 5:4; Is. 61:1-3; Rev. 21:1-4**

As we read through the Beatitudes of Jesus, observe the basic structure of each statement. Each statement begins with the phrase blessed are, which in Greek is the word Makarios. Each statement concludes with a phrase for they shall, indicating either a present or future promise to be obtained. In Matthew 5:4, Jesus again makes a contradictory statement in the eyes of the world. You can imagine the snarky remarks from the crowd: “what on earth does Jesus mean, happy are those who mourn? How can someone be both sad and happy!?” In the truest sense of the word, Makarios is more than just a feeling of happiness, it is a deep fulfillment and joy that cannot be taken away by mere circumstances. Even still, it is hard to imagine how someone can have this fulfillment while mourning. Once again, Jesus’ teaching prompts a question: What does it mean to mourn? Does it refer to the sadness we feel when we reach into the cookie jar only to find it empty? Or moving to a new city, leaving behind dear friends and family? What about a broken relationship, or the loss of a loved one? These are all genuine reasons to experience sadness and grief. However, Jesus is pointing to something even deeper—a mourning that comes from recognizing and grieving our own sin.

Consider the connection between mourning and our spiritual poverty. Those who have acknowledged their own desperate state before God—seeing their depravity in light of His holiness—are the ones who truly mourn over their sin. This godly sorrow is more than a fleeting regret; it is a deep sense of disappointment and remorse for falling short of God’s perfect holiness. But godly sorrow does not end in despair. Instead, it leads to repentance, marking true evidence of a transformed heart—a change that only God can bring about. Though we experience mourning in this life, Jesus is our comforter. As our Messiah, He has fulfilled the law and redeemed us into right relationship with God through faith. Therefore, while we grieve, we can confidently cling to the promise of Christ’s return. He will bring about the new heaven and new earth, and will wipe every tear from our eyes, ensuring that mourning shall be no more.

### **Discussion Question:**

Do we tend to mourn over our circumstances more than our sins? What does it mean to repent over our sins rather than just regretting them?

### **Pray**

Thank you Lord, for godly sorrow over our sin.

### **Sing**

*Lord from Sorrows  
Deep I Call*

# LORD FROM SORROWS DEEP I CALL

WhLord, from sorrows deep I call  
When my hope is shaken;  
Torn and ruined from the fall,  
Hear my desperation.

For so long I've pled and prayed,  
"God, come to my rescue!"  
Even so, the thorn remains;  
Still my heart will praise You.

Storms within my troubled soul,  
Questions without answers;  
On my faith these billows roll  
God be now my shelter.

Why are you cast down my soul?  
Hope in Him who saves you.  
When the fires have all grown cold,  
Cause this heart to praise You.

Should my life be torn from me,  
Every worldly pleasure;  
When all I possess is grief,  
God be then my treasure.

Be my vision in the night;  
Be my hope and refuge.  
'Til my faith is turned to sight,  
Lord my heart will praise You.

Oh, my soul, put your hope in God,  
My help, my rock, I will praise Him.  
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm;  
You're still my God, my salvation.

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# THURSDAY

## Blessed Are the Meek

**Read: Matt. 5:5 & 11:28-29, Phil. 2:1-11**

As we discussed yesterday, there is a clear pattern and intention to Jesus' words that open his sermon on the mount. To be clear, Jesus is not providing a mere checklist of things to do to receive blessings. Rather, Jesus is describing the character and habits that form in those to whom salvation has been given and the blessings of promise that await them. Jesus' words are great encouragement to those who hear and receive them with joy. Jesus' words serve as a guiding compass, pointing believers toward the eternal promises awaiting them in God's new kingdom. In verse 5, Jesus prompts us to consider the meaning of meekness. To be meek is to express gentleness and a mild disposition toward both God and others. This characteristic emerges in individuals whose hearts have been transformed by God—from stone to flesh. Meekness toward God is shown through quiet submission and trust, resting on God's mercy and love rather than one's own strength. It is a sanctifying fruit of the Spirit, growing in those who are poor in spirit, who mourn their sin, and who repent.

We do not have to search far to understand what true meekness looks like, for Jesus himself is its perfect embodiment. He displays a heart that is gentle and lowly, inviting all who are weary and burdened to come to Him and find rest. The apostle Paul highlights this aspect of Jesus in his letter to the Philippians, urging believers to look to Christ's example. He willingly endured suffering—like a lamb led to slaughter, a sheep silent before its shearers, oppressed and afflicted he did not open his mouth. In perfect submission, Jesus gently humbled himself in obedience to the point of death on a cross for the redemption of all God's children.

### **Discussion Questions:**

Is meekness (gentleness) something you find easy to exhibit toward others? Why or why not?

### **Pray**

Lord, thank you for your promise of inheritance in Christ. Give us the strength to endure in meekness.

### **Sing**

*Jesus Strong and Kind*

# JESUS STRONG AND KIND

Jesus said  
That if I thirst  
I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to him

Jesus said  
If I am weak  
I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to him

## **Chorus:**

For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind

Jesus said  
That if I fear  
I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield  
I should come to him

Jesus said if I am lost  
He will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross  
He will come to me



# FRIDAY

## Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

**Read: Matt. 5:6, Phil. 3:7-11, Ps. 23:1-3**

Hunger and thirst are fundamental experiences that every person can understand. They serve as powerful reminders of our basic needs. Jesus uses these instincts as imagery to convey a deeper spiritual truth in the Sermon on the Mount. Notably, the word righteousness appears five times in this sermon, highlighting its significance. It is essential, then, to consider what Jesus means by urging us to hunger and thirst for righteousness. A great theologian once described righteousness as being pure in heart before God, who alone can see the heart. This purity is characterized by a desire to walk in obedience to God, to extend mercy to others, and to pursue peace. Those who crave such righteousness are those who, like the apostle Paul, have been profoundly transformed by the righteousness that comes from God through faith in Christ. Paul demonstrates an unceasing hunger and thirst for God's righteousness, recognizing that everything else pales in comparison and fails to satisfy. He understands that only Christ's kingdom offers genuine righteousness, making all other pursuits insignificant by comparison.

Scripture makes it clear that, in our natural state, none of us are righteous. Our righteousness is not something we achieve on our own, but rather, it is given to us through Jesus Christ. This imputed righteousness means that any boasting we do should be solely in Christ since we are found in Him. Christ has become for us wisdom from God—righteousness and sanctification, as stated in 1 Corinthians 3:30. For our sake, He took on sin so that we might become the righteousness of God, as explained in 2 Corinthians 5:21. This is truly good news, and it should deepen our hunger and thirst for righteousness. Even more, we are encouraged by the reality that we have a loving Father and Shepherd who leads us in paths of righteousness for His own glory. With this assurance, we find all the encouragement we need to pursue righteousness and share it with those around us.

### Discussion Questions:

In practice, how do we hunger and thirst for righteousness? Is it at all encouraging to know Christ's promise for those who do?

### **Pray**

Lord, grow our hunger and thirst for your righteousness, trusting in the satisfaction we hold now and, in your kingdom yet to come.

### **Sing**

*My Hope is Built*

# MY HOPE IS BUILT

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean in Jesus' Name

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

## **Chorus:**

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my Hope and Stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne



Oh come,  
let us  
worship  
and bow down;

let us  
kneel  
before the  
Lord,  
our Maker!

—♥—  
Psalm 95:6

# CALVARY

## BAPTIST CHURCH

### **Worship**

8:30 & 11:00am

### **Sunday School**

10:00am

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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

