

Sermon Outline

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May 24, 2026

“**True Blessedness (Part 1)**”
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Matthew 5:3-6

Introduction

1. Introducing True Blessedness

- A. “Blessed”
 - i. Repeated 9 times
 - ii. Not “happy” as a *feeling*, but one who is especially favored or privileged, to be congratulated.
- B. 8 qualities and 8 blessings
 - i. Main theme: Kingdom of Heaven
 - ii. Present and future fulfillment
 - iii. What we are to be as followers of Christ

2. The Characteristics of True Blessedness (vv. 3-6)

- A. Poor in spirit (v. 3)
 - i. Luke’s version does not include “in spirit” (Lk. 6:20)
 - ii. Emphasizing a *spiritual* quality; those who are *spiritually* poor and recognize their need for God.

B. Mourn (v. 4)

- i. Not addressing those who mourn over the loss of a loved one, though God comforts us in all our troubles (2 Cor. 1:3-4)
- ii. Focused on those who mourn over the sin of self and others (2 Cor. 7:10; Ps. 119:136; Phil. 3:18)
- iii. Points back to the blessing that Messiah would bring to those who mourn (Is. 61: 1-3); will be fully realized in the future (Rev. 7:17)

C. Meek (v. 5)

- i. Meek ≠ weak; Meaning: gentle, considerate, under control, not harsh or vengeful
- ii. A trait of Jesus, and a trait Paul commanded Timothy to pursue (Matt. 11:29, 1 Tim. 6:11)
- iii. Will be blessed with inheriting the land (Ps. 37: 8-11, 29)

D. Hunger and thirst for righteousness (v. 6)

- i. Desire, long for personal righteousness *and* to see God's righteousness reflected everywhere!
- ii. God satisfies those with spiritual hunger and thirst (Ps. 107:9)
- iii. Ultimate satisfaction will come with the new heavens and new earth (2 Pet. 3:13)

**** Rejoice and Live as the Blessed Kingdom Citizens that You Are!****

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- Hard copies available:
 - In the racks by each door inside the Worship Center
 - For download from Chapel website homepage (TheChapelSJ.com)
- Digital plan available on The Chapel app (TheChapelSJ.com/App)

What's Next?

- May 31: "*True Blessedness (Pt. 2)*" – Matt. 5:7-9, Pastor Corey Kugle
- June 7: "*True Blessedness (Pt. 3)*" – Matt. 5:10-12, Pastor Corey Kugle