

Beatitudes
What The Bible Teaches About Being Blessed

JESUS' BEATITUDES AND THE LAW OF CHRIST

Text: Matthew 5:17 – 6:18

Introduction:

1. The biblically blessed are those who depend upon God.
 2. They inherit the promise made to Abraham by submission to God.
 3. Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount by describing foundational attitudes that are necessary to follow Him.
 4. These attitudes are essential to salvation and to having a godly influence.
 5. They are also essential for submitting to and obeying the Law of Christ.
- I. Proper Attitude Toward the Old Law (5:17-20)**
- A. Jesus did not destroy the Law of Moses; instead, He fulfilled it.
 1. “Destroy” means, “Demolish, tear down, or destroy.”
 2. “Abolish” means, “To render idle or inactive; to deprive of force; to annul” (Ephesians 2:15).
 3. Jesus fulfilled the prophecies, purpose, and goal of the Old Law – superseding it with His New Law (Hebrews 8:7-13).
 - B. Yet, while He lived, the Old Law was still in effect; thus, men were to obey it.
 - C. However, it was to be kept with a proper attitude of heart – not self-righteousness.
- II. Proper Attitude Under the Old Law (5:21-48)**
- A. They had heard legalism and self-righteousness from the traditions of men.
 - B. The Law of Moses demanded obedience from the heart.
 - C. Jesus went even further to demonstrate the need for submission based upon a desire to be like the Father.
- III. Proper Attitude to Follow the New Law (6:1-18)**
- A. Obedience without pride (vs. 1-4)
 - B. Obedience without hypocrisy (vs. 5-8)
 - C. Obedience without conceit (vs. 9-15)
 - D. Obedience without falsehood (vs. 16-18)

Conclusion:

1. The attitudes needed to follow the Law of Christ are founded in the Beatitudes.
2. Humility, meekness, and a hunger for righteousness will produce genuine obedience.
3. A heart that seeks mercy, purity, and peace will submit in every way to the will of God.
4. Such a person will obey the Lord even when threatened with persecution.