

Beatitudes
What The Bible Teaches About Being Blessed

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO IS FAITHFUL TO JESUS

Text: Matthew 24:46

Introduction:

1. The biblically blessed are those who depend upon God.
2. They inherit the promise made to Abraham by submission to God.
3. Throughout the New Testament, beatitudes describe the heart of one who is a faithful member of the Lord's kingdom – his church.
4. These blessed attitudes will enable one to make it to the eternal kingdom of God in Heaven.

I. The Context of the Beatitude

- A. In the first half of Matthew 24, Jesus discussed the coming destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman army in AD 70 (vs. 1- 35).
 1. Leading up to this event, there would be signs to warn the faithful of the approaching devastation.
 2. However, it would come to pass in that generation (vs. 34).
- B. Beginning in verse 36, Jesus discussed the Day of Judgment at His second coming.
 1. There would be no signs preceding that day.
 2. Only the Father knows when it will be.
- C. Thus, the teaching of this chapter and the next is that man must always be ready because the date of the Judgment cannot be known.

II. The Illustration of the Beatitude

- A. To illustrate this principle, Jesus used two examples.
- B. First, He spoke of one not knowing when a thief would break into his house – else he would have prevented it (vs. 42-44).
- C. Second, He spoke of a servant who managed his master's household, anticipating his return (vs. 45-51).
- D. An unfaithful servant would be punished, but a faithful servant would be rewarded.

III. The Meaning of the Beatitude

- A. The blessed man is one who behaves as a faithful servant and steward.
- B. When the Lord returns, he is found faithfully obeying His will.
 1. Watching (25:1-13)
 2. Growing (25:14-30)
 3. Serving (25:31-46)
- C. To be one of the blessed, we must remain faithful to Jesus!