

The Beatitudes:

Questing for Righteousness



DISCOVERING
THE JEWISH
JESUS
לגלות את ישוע היהודי

Scripture:

- Matthew 5:1, 4

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to him. He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

⁵Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

- John 8:36; 14:27

“So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

^{14:27}“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

Other Scriptures

- Isaiah 42:3
- Matthew 5:2
- John 14:7
- John 8:36
- Romans 6:23; 8:1,13
- Revelation 12:10
- James 4:7

Main Points

- The Beatitudes are keys to living in the shalom and the light of the kingdom of God.
- Jesus wants to *incarnate* Himself in us.
- Righteousness means you are walking in unity and fellowship with the Lord.

Questions

1. What will incorporating into our lives the teachings of Jesus in the beatitudes do for our spiritual walk, and our shalom? Why?
2. What should be the quest of our lives?
3. Will God meet you in answer to your quest? How do you know?
4. Rabbi talked about the feelings involved in hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Have you experience with this? Write about the struggles you face and how God is working through these things to complete your transformation to be like Him? Whose ways are fast and whose ways are slow? Which have a better end?
5. What important point did Rabbi teach regarding mercy and accusation? Are you resisting accusation and embracing mercy? What must you do? What legal door do you open by embracing accusation instead of mercy?