

The Beatitudes:

Handling Hatred

DISCOVERING
THE JEWISH
JESUS
לגלות את ישוע היהודי

Scripture:

- **Matthew 5**

5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit...”

5:4 “Blessed are those who mourn...”

5:5 “Blessed are the gentle...”

5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger...”

5:7 “Blessed are the merciful...”

5:8 “Blessed are the pure in heart...”

5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

5:10 “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

5:11-16 “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden, nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Other Scriptures

- Jeremiah 2:13
- Proverbs 6:16-19
- James 1:26
- Hebrews 11:6
- Ephesians 4:29
- 2 Timothy 2:12
- John 15:19-20
- Luke 10:38-39
- Matthew 5:12-14
- Revelation 21:8

- Joshua 1:9
- Ezekial 3:9
- I Peter 2:11

Main Points

- From Capernaum, Israel
- When Yeshua says, “Blessed are those,” He is saying those that practice this will be made divinely happy.
- The world doesn’t have the answer to happiness, Yeshua does.
- Are you a peacemaker?
- Are your words building bridges or bringing division?
- You have to be willing to stand out for Jesus.
- If you let the devil hold you back, you are going to lose your reward.
- Your presence should dynamically change every relationship you encounter.
- We have been called to make a difference.

Questions

1. What is the reward for taking a hit for Jesus according to Jesus?
2. If walking in the footsteps of Jesus and the prophets means experiencing persecution, are you willing to suffer? Have you ever experienced suffering for the sake of the Gospel? What outcomes did you have? What will you receive in the future from God?
3. What emotion do we most often experience when living for Jesus out loud? How do we do it anyway?
4. Is it up to us to choose whether or not we will be persecuted? Discuss why or why not and what this will look like in your life.
5. Our destiny is to make a difference. We have been _____ to make a _____.