



# RENFREW AM NOTES

## MESSAGE/SERIES:

**SOM series-"Righteousness & Happiness"-Pastor Michael Baker**

**DATE:** January 20, 2019

**SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:** *Matthew 5:1-12, Isaiah 55:8, Isaiah 61:1-3, Psalms 42:2, 2 Timothy 2:22, Hebrews 6:10, 1 Peter 1:22, 1 John 3:1, Romans 8:14, James 5:11, John 15:21, 1 Peter 4:13*

## OPENING SCRIPTURE:

*Matthew 5:1-12 "Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.*

*The Beatitudes*

*<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:*

*<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are **the poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are **those who mourn**, for they shall be comforted.*

*<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are **the meek**, for they shall inherit the earth.*

*<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are **those who hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they shall be satisfied.*

*<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are **the merciful**, for they shall receive mercy.*

*<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are **the pure in heart**, for they shall see God.*

*<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are **the peacemakers**, for they shall be called sons of God.*

*<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are **those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you **when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.** <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Mt 5:1–12.*

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## OUTLINE:

### Blessings that Flow from heaven and through a believer...

- “The Poor in Spirit”
  - recognizing your need for God (spiritual poverty/depravity) (5:3)
  - Humility instead of haughtiness
    - **Promise=** “Theirs is the kingdom of heaven”
      - We are happy because we have already obtained a gift from God (*eternal life & citizenship in His kingdom immediate*)
      - **1 John 5:13** “...so that you may know you have eternal life”
        - “Have”= *possess in the present*
        - *Already and not yet- theology*

=Do you live like a citizen of the Kings Kingdom in the now

- “Those who mourn” (*example grieving over sin 2 Corinthians 7:10-11*)
  - mourning over your sin (5:4)
  - Grieving over sin in the world
    - **Promise=** “They shall be comforted”
      - We are Happy because know godly sorrow leads to repentance/Change in our lives
      - **2 Corinthians 7:10** “godly sorrow leads to repentance...“whereas worldly grief produces death.”
        - *Grief over sin is there for the purpose of provoking change*
        - *We know when our christian brothers and sisters are astray God will use process to bring them back...In this we find comfort (provokes prayer)*

- **“The meek”** (*example of Jesus as Meek-Matthew 11:29*)
    - submitting to divine authority (5:5)
    - Illustrates a power over himself (control over selfishness)
      - **Promise=** God will bestow His grace on those who are meek/self controlled
        - Grace to live
        - Grace to serve
        - Grace to obey in the toughest situations (work/family/church)
        - **2 Corinthians 6:3-10** “v10...as having nothing yet possessing everything...”
          - ***We are not arrogant as Kings kids we are gracious to those who are not and to our family even when they are away from the father***
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- **“Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness”**
  - desiring justice or righteousness (5:6)
  - Righteousness comes from a hearty appetite for scriptural truths
  - Hungering and thirsting illustrates a desire to live by God’s commands
    - **Promise=** “for they shall be satisfied”
      - The more we understand what our Father wants from us the more we want to please Him and the more we pursue righteous actions
      - Growth is always a growing desire and satisfaction in God and His ways (that are in contradiction to our flesh)
      - **Matthew 6:33** “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”
        - *If we are still seeking first the Kingdom of US we are not displaying the blessings of God that come from a submitted life*
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- **“The Merciful”**
  - showing mercy (5:7)
  - The action of taking pity on on other to the point of action (Compassion) extend to relieve misery of another
    - **Promise=** “they shall receive mercy”
      - **Matthew 18:23-35** (Servant who received mercy but did not extend it to the one who owed Him)

- When we extend mercy to others God extends extra mercy to us in our life as obedient children
  - Our Father is not waiting on us to mess up He wants us to grow and keep getting up as we are already forgiven
  
- **“The pure in heart”** (*Example Colossians 3:22-23*)
  - maintaining a pure heart (5:8)
  - A Singleness of heart versus a divided heart (James 4:8 “the double minded or divided heart)
  - Illustrates a clarity of spiritual sight and perspective
  - Also speaks to the issue of Hypocrisy
    - **Promise=** “They shall see God”
      - **Psalms 24:3-4a** *“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart,”*
  
- **“The peacemakers”**
  - working for peace (5:9)
    - Not starting fights and quarrels
    - But also actively pursuing peace between others whom are fighting or quarreling
    - Hebrew word **Shalom= shālôm** is a gift of God’s grace to his restored people, he should use the more concrete “well-being”, the more obvious “peace”, or the theologically more comprehensive “salvation”=
      - *therefore shalom is a gift from God used to create peace and not war as a rule...*

David Gillett, “Shalom: Content for a Slogan,” *Themelios* 1, no. 3 (1976): 81.

  - **Promise=** “they shall be called sons of God”
    - The hebrews had a strong sense of family resemblance =“Like father like son”
    - Our witness is impacted through our peace making ability and actions
    - **Example=** *followers of radical Islam are know as they reflect a righteous God Allah who commands to kill the infidels...*

- “Those who are persecuted for righteousness sake”
  - rejoicing in the face of persecution (5:10–12)[Luke 6:20–49]
  - Persecuted for the cause of Christ/ because of your faith
    - *Not because of preference or difference that is sensual but due to beliefs and doctrines of Christ*
  - Persecuted with with lies, evil actions, and every kind of opposition to the message of Christ

H. L. Willmington, *Willmington's Bible Handbook* (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1997), 527.

=But the true Church will stand and be happy and blessed in the middle of the struggle as the blessings flow from the heart of God to a people He has called to himself.

- **Promise=** “v12 your reward is great in heaven”
  - God rewards us in heaven/eternally for the things we endure for His name and for His kingdom
  - There is no reward for persecution over preferences or stubbornness...
    - *Christians should never attribute God told me so to something we really want unless it is biblically sound and those are the things we stand firm on*

## NOTES:

- (v3, 10) God’s Kingdom is announced to **present** (realized) for all who believe
  - (v3) “theirs **is** the kingdom of heaven”
  - (v10) “theirs **is** the kingdom of heaven”
- “The Beatitudes form an appropriate introduction to Jesus’ sermon as they remind his disciples that God blesses them before he makes demands on them (the body of the sermon).”

Craig Blomberg, *Matthew*, vol. 22, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1992), 98.

