

Explore the Passage



Matthew 5:6-12

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Which of the Beatitudes has stuck out to you the most, and why?

In verse 6, what type of righteousness is being referred to? What are some ways that we pursue that kind of righteousness?

"The enjoyment of God is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied. Fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, or children, or the company of earthly friends are but shadows, but enjoyment of God is the substance. [Family and friends] are but scattered beams, but God is the sun. These are but streams, but God is the fountain. These are but drops, but God is the ocean."-Jonathan Edwards

"The chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever."-John Piper

How do these two quotes affect your view of God and your view of the Christian life?

How does the parable of the greater debtor from Matthew 18 affect our understanding of "Blessed are the merciful"?

Share one thing from the passage or Sunday's message that you found helpful, encouraging, challenging or just had a question/comment about.