



Still More Happiness!

Matthew 5:8-12

Series: *The Sermon On The Mount*, #3

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Theme: **True happiness grows and thrives in kingdom living.**

Three more parts of kingdom living.

1. Pure in heart.

(5:8; see also 6:24; Jeremiah 17:9, 24:7; James 4:8; 1 John 1:7)

2. Peacemakers.

(5:9; see also Judges 6:24; Romans 15:33; Ephesians 4:3; Colossians 1:20)

3. Persecuted.

(5:10-12; see also John 15:18-20; 2 Timothy 3:12; Hebrews 12:2; 1 Peter 4:13-16)

God's blessings.

1. See God now and always.

(5:8; see also Psalm 19:7-8; Revelation 22:4)

2. Be called sons of God now and always.

(5:9; see also Proverbs 12:20)

3. Be part of God's kingdom now and always.

(5:10; see also Romans 5:3-5; 2 Timothy 2:12; James 1:2-4)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. “Happy are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” The heart refers to the center of your being—who and what you really are. As you review the references and your notes from Sunday, answer the following: (1) What does it mean to be pure in heart? (2) Why do we need to have a pure heart? (3) What is the blessing, the specific happiness that God gives to the pure in heart?

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Tuesday. Today focus on verse 9, “Happy are the peacemakers.” Describe what peace is and list some specific aspects and areas of life in which it is needed. What is the source of real peace and peacemaking ability? Are you a peacemaker? Describe the happiness of being called “sons of God” which God gives to peacemakers.

Wednesday. The last Beatitude is “Happy are those who have been persecuted” (10-12). What’s the difference between punishment and persecution? Why do all faithful believers experience some persecution? Look at this week: can you spot any times where you have been a silent, inconspicuous or compromising witness for fear of being misunderstood, rejected ... *persecuted*?

Thursday. Read Matthew 5:1-12. Now walk through the eight Beatitudes. These qualities are an evidence of true Kingdom living and are blessed by God with true happiness. Note the places where you need to grow. Keep these qualities in focus.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at *Salt and Light* from 5:8-12. Read and think through these verses as you prepare for our time together.