

# The Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 5.6

# The Beatitudes

Mathew 5

They reflect the character of  
Jesus Christ

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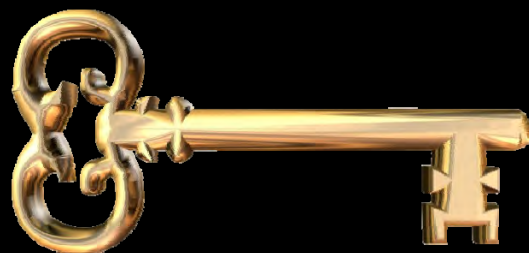
## Contrast

People in the Kingdom of Heaven

People in the Kingdoms of the Earth

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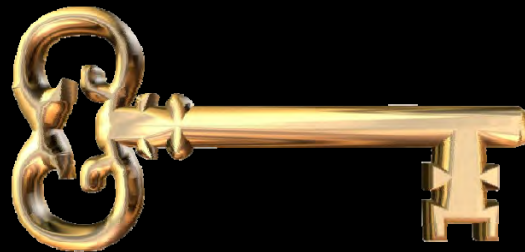


For I say to you, that unless your  
righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the  
scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means  
enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20

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Outward Obedience to Rules

Inward Obedience by the Holy Spirit living in us

## The First



**Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**Matthew 5:3**

**We cannot make it spiritually in life without total reliance upon God.**

***John 15:5***

## The Second



**Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.**

**Matthew 5:4**

**Mourning for personal sin – because we are not like God.  
Mourning for the sins of those who share this world with us.**

**James 4:8-10**

## The Third



**Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.**  
Matthew 5:5

**Having all of our power under God's control.**

- 1. Fruit in life produced by the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23**
- 2. By coming and yoking up with Jesus Christ – Matthew 11:28-30**





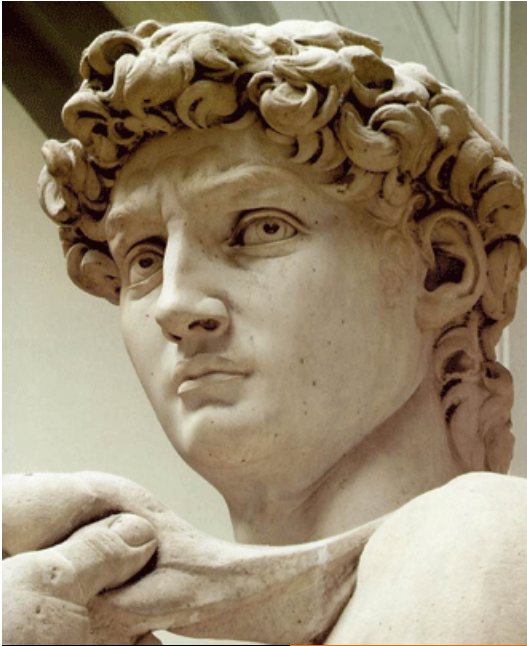
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for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.  
Matthew 5:6**



Blessed are those who  
hunger & thirst

Hunger & Thirst are figures for Strong Desire

AMBITION



# In the words of King David

*O God, You are my God;*

*Early will I seek You;*

*My soul thirsts for You;*

*My flesh longs for You*

*In a dry and thirsty land*

*Where there is no water.*

Psalm 63:1



# What do people desire?

## AMBITION

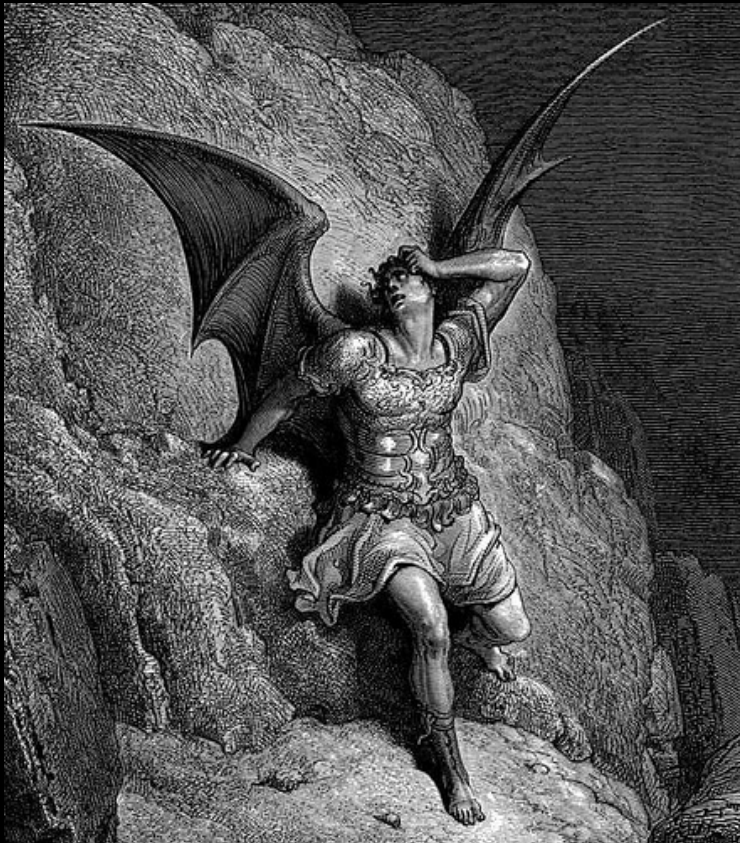
Power, Position, Fame, Fortune, Beauty





# What do people desire?

## Lucifer wanted God's Position



For you have said in your heart:  
‘I will ascend into heaven,  
I will exalt my throne  
above the stars of God;  
I will also sit on  
the mount of the congregation  
On the farthest sides of the north;  
I will ascend above  
the heights of the clouds,  
I will be like the Most High.’

Isaiah 14:13-14



# What do people desire?

Nebuchadnezzar sought fame



*Is not this great Babylon,  
that I have built for a royal  
dwelling by my mighty  
power and for the honor of  
my majesty?*

Daniel 4:30





# What do people desire?

Nebuchadnezzar sought fame



*That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds'*



# What do people desire?

Nebuchadnezzar sought fame



*O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity.*

Daniel 4:27





# What do people desire?

Nebuchadnezzar sought fame



*Now I, Nebuchadnezzar,  
praise and extol and honor  
the King of heaven, all of  
whose works are truth,  
and His ways justice. And  
those who walk in pride  
He is able to put down.*

Daniel 4:31



# What do people desire?

## The Rich Fool

*Luke 12:13-21*





# What are Your Ambitions?

Things you see – If I have will be happy



# What are Your Ambitions?

Things you feel – It feels so good!



# What are Your Ambitions?

I want to be accepted by others



# What are Your Ambitions?

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — **the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life** — is not of the Father but is of the world.

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.





**Blessed are those who  
hunger & thirst  
for righteousness**

**Righteousness?**

**To Pharisees – rule keeping  
(judged others who did not keep the rules their way)**

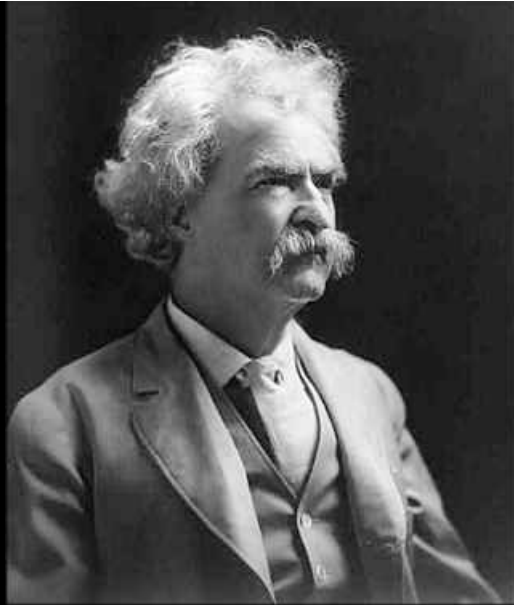


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**Piety of Pharisees outward conformity  
to a system**

**True holiness conforms one to Jesus Christ  
and develops one's own individuality**





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for righteousness

Mark Twain

“Having spent considerable time with good people, I can understand why Jesus liked to be with tax collectors and sinners.”



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**Righteousness?**

**God is Holy – I am to be holy**

**I am to do things The Way God Would**



**Blessed are those who  
hunger & thirst  
for righteousness**

**My Ambition should be having  
righteousness as the main focus of my life.**

**Conforming my life to the ways of God.**



**Blessed are those who  
hunger & thirst  
for righteousness**

**How can this be part of my life?**

**Maybe it was at one time and now has waned.**



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How can this be part of my life?

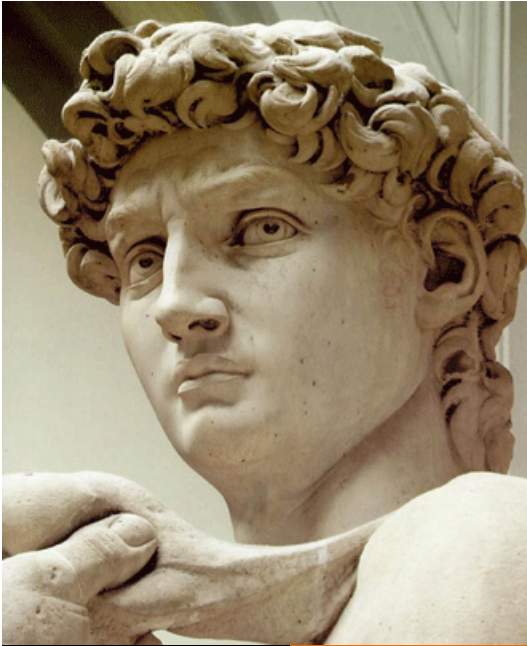
1. Ask the Father to make you like Jesus

*My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me...*

John 4:34

*I always do those things that please Him.*

John 8:29



# In the words of King David

*As for me,  
I will see Your face  
in righteousness;  
I shall be satisfied  
when I awake in Your likeness.*

Psalm 17:15



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How can this be part of my life?

## 2. Spend time in the Word of God

*Psalm 119*

*Ephesians 5*





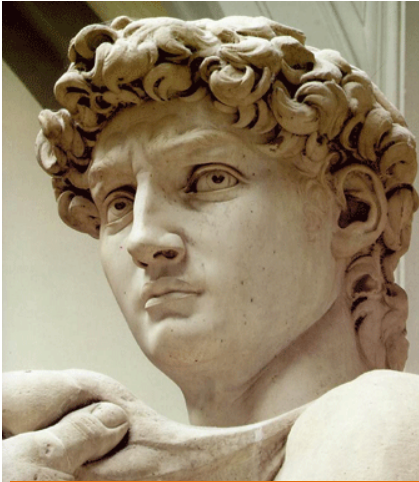
# Spend time in the Bible to learn God's Ways

*How can a young man cleanse his way?  
By taking heed according to Your word.*

*With my whole heart I have sought You;  
Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!*

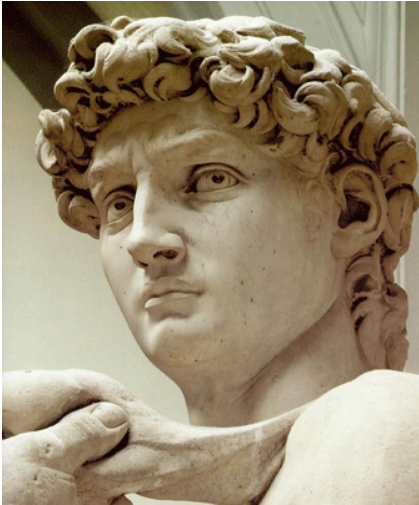
*Your word I have hidden in my heart,  
That I might not sin against You.*

Psalm 119:9-11



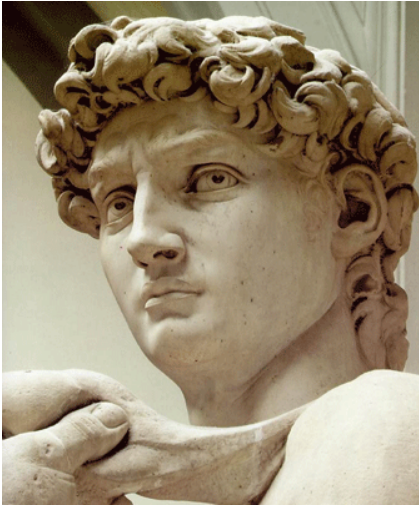
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*The law of the LORD is perfect,  
converting the soul;  
The testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple;  
The statutes of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
The commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;*



# Spend time in the Bible

*The commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;  
The fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever;  
The judgments of the LORD  
are true and righteous altogether.*



# Spend time in the Bible

*More to be desired are they than gold,  
Yea, than much fine gold;*

*Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*

*Moreover by them Your servant is warned,  
And in keeping them there is great reward.*

Psalm 19:7-11



# Spend time in the Bible

*...that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*

Ephesians 5:26-27



**Blessed are those who  
hunger & thirst for  
righteousness**

**For they shall be filled**

**Satisfied**

## The Fourth



**Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.**

**Matthew 5:6**

**Having an unquenchable desire for thinking, doing, living God's way,  
Conforming to the will of God.**

- 1. Ask the Lord to make you like Jesus – Romans 8:29**
- 2. Feed on his word – Psalm 119:9-16; Ephesians 5:26**





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