



“Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit: An Introduction To The Beatitudes”

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I. What was the world like on that day when Jesus stood and first taught the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount?

II. How did the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount transform humanity?

A. They transformed the way people thought about the _____ of human life.

B. They transformed the way people thought about the _____ of human life.

C. They transformed the way people thought about the final _____ of human life.

III. Why do the Beatitudes confuse us? (And Andy Stanley).

IV. How should we understand the relationship of the Beatitudes to the Ten Commandments?

“For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” – John 1:17

V. Under the Law, *“Don’t do to others what you don’t want them to do to you,”* was sufficient. Add the Beatitude of mercy and what did Jesus say instead?

VI. The Beatitudes are not just new rules Jesus has added to the ones we had. In fact, the Beatitudes are an impossible life for us to lead on our own. How then can we live this way?

VII. Why do we need the Beatitudes now more than ever?

“Where then is hope? It is in the fact that the Kingdom of God has come to earth — the Kingdom announced by Jesus Christ two thousand years ago. It is a Kingdom that comes not in a temporary takeover of political structures, but in the lasting takeover of the human heart by the rule of a holy God.” – Charles Colson

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