

# BLESSED MEN OF GOD

The Lord Jesus Christ gives a clear description of those who are the truly blessed of God in Matthew 5:3-12. In this passage, He names eight major characteristics of those blessed individuals whereby the reader is presented with an admonition to examine himself by taking heed to the Lord's call to be a truly blessed man of God. True blessedness belongs only to men who fit the descriptions given in this passage.

The nature of true blessedness cannot be defined according to human ideas. It must be determined by the blessed God Himself. It is His idea of blessedness that we should desire for ourselves, if we are to be truly blessed. This perfect idea of blessedness is what Jesus talks about in Matthew 5:3-12.

Since our Lord has revealed the essential characteristics of the blessed men of God, it is our duty to know these and prayerfully yield ourselves to be moulded according to them. For this purpose, we shall study these characteristics that, as we apply the lessons therein, we may be a truly blessed people here on earth for His glory.

*Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

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

*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:  
for they shall be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers:  
for they shall be called the children of God.*

*Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you,  
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.*

*Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:  
for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

**(Matthew 3:5-12)**