



Chapter 5:1-6

1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.

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

Notes:

Jesus’ sermon recorded by Matthew stretches over three chapters! It is the longest recorded sermon of Jesus.

The **key verse** is Matthew 5:20—very important to know as you work through your study of this sermon.

Study hint: this section breaks down into “couplets”—that will help you see Jesus’ intended meaning.

Observations

1. Record your observations from verses 1-2 (the facts: who, what, why, etc.)
2. What is the theme of verses 3-4?
3. What does Jesus mean when He uses the word “blessed” in this section of scripture?
4. What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”?
5. Jesus said “blessed are they that mourn”...how could mourning be construed as a state of blessedness?
6. What is the theme of verses 5-6?
7. What does it mean to be “meek”? And, why do think that Jesus esteems meekness in His followers?
8. When will Jesus’ promise in vs. 5 be fulfilled?
9. What instruction, challenge or change does this text have for you?