



TAKE HEART – PART 1

YOU ARE BLESSED

MATTHEW 5:1-12

BLESSING IS AT HAND

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Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ **Blessed are** the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ **Blessed are** those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ **Blessed are** the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ **Blessed are** those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ **Blessed are** the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ **Blessed are** the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ **Blessed are** the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ **Blessed are** those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ **Blessed are** you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

These are not commands, but rather declarations of promise and blessing available NOW for those living under God's authority.

GOOD NEWS, NOT HOW-TOS

JOY AND HEAVENLY PROMISE

MATTHEW 5:12

¹² **Rejoice and be glad**, because **great is your reward in heaven...**

Rejoice and be glad (present)
because great is (present) your reward
in the Kingdom (present).

ROMANS 4:7-8

Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them."

JAMES 1:12

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

1PETER 3:14

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are **blessed**. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."

Take heart! God's will is to bless!