

SERMON ON THE MOUNT
 Delivered to **DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**
S.S Lord's Day July 31st 2016
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Point #1

The Sermon on the Beatitudes

-1st Point in Christ Sermon is the 8th Beatitude-

Mt. 5:10

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

Most folks, Baptist and otherwise, may never have this virtue until they are disciplined to attain each before it.

Message of this Beatitude Found in His Sermon on the Mount

Message:

Matthew 5:11-16

11 **Blessed** (spiritually prosperous) **are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely** (lying), **for my sake.**

...revile you:

1, Verb-loidoreo

denotes "to abuse, revile," John 9:28; Acts 23:4; 1 Cor. 4:12; 1 Pet. 2:23 (1st clause).

2, Verb-oneidizo

"to reproach, upbraid," is translated "to revile" in **Matt. 5:11**, AV, and Mark 15:32 (RV, "reproach").

See **REPROACH: defamation; to disgrace.**

3, Verb-blasphemeo

"to speak profanely, rail at," is translated "reviled" in Matt. 27:39, AV (RV, "railed on"); Luke 22:65, RV, "reviling" (AV, "blasphemously")

...persecute you:

Dioko- διώκω -to put to flight, drive away/ drove out/to pursue (someone pursuing you)

...say all manner of evil against you falsely (lying):

Christ knew what the faithful of His disciples would have to endure. This is, to those that experience it, it is disheartening at best. It is also provocation. It's so easy to fall into the bickering back and forth, but remember, silence, most of the time, speaks much louder than words. And, even more important than this, we must always obey the rules of the kingdom of God that is found in the Bible. Such as, **render not evil for evil or railing for railing... 1 Peter 3:9** and **avenge not yourselves...vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord. Rom. 12:19**

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12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven (up to 5 crowns and many rewards are possible.) for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

13 **Ye are the salt of the earth:** but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

First, to the citizens of the new Israel, which is the Kingdom of God, because the covenant has been made with them (**Jer. 31:31**). But also, more particularly the members of Christ body, the Lord's New Testament Baptist Church. Why more particularly to these? They are of the "household of faith" members of His church in particular. They have been entrusted with the word of God "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed **unto us** the word of reconciliation" (**2 Cor. 5:19**) unlike the individual saint roaming loose in the Kingdom, "whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." **Mt. 16:19**.

14 **Ye are the light of the world.** A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

*See above statements.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 **Let your light so shine** before men, that they may **see your good works**, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Let your light so shine:

This may be in reference to:

And they that **be wise shall shine as the brightness** of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. **Daniel 12:3**

...see your good works: Rev. 19:7-9 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that **she should be arrayed in fine linen**, clean and white: for **the fine linen is the righteousness of saints**. Imputed and earned= (Includes Good Works)

9 And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed** (Spiritual Prosperous) *are* they **which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb**. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God.

I cannot say enough about the importance of Good Works.

...glorify your Father:

Our ultimate responsibility!! You have to be right-(orthodoxy)

You have to do right-(orthopraxy)

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Barna statistics report: between born again believers vs. the rest of the population: it is **“statistically indistinguishable.”**

Note: All Greek references are from Thayer or Vine.