

“Be” Attitudes Brave

Review

- Jesus preached the “Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew 5, 6, & 7 and Luke 6
- He begins this sermon with the eight Beatitudes.
 - A beatitude is “the declaration of blessedness made by our Savior to particular virtues.” – Webster’s 1828
- Each is tied to a state of blessedness – “Blessed are the...”
 - This is more than just being happy or fortunate.
 - It is to be content, fulfilled, and prosperous in a spiritual and not physical sense.
- In these short phrases, Christ illustrates what the attitude of a believer should be.

Peaceful

- “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” – Matthew 5:10
- I am going to focus not on being persecuted, but rather on the bravery to stand strong when attacked.
- *Brave* means “Courageous; bold; daring; intrepid; fearless of danger; as a brave warrior. It usually unites the sense of courage with generosity and dignity of mind; qualities often united.” – Webster’s 1828
- Christians WILL BE attacked – II Timothy 3:12, John 15:18, I Peter 4:12-14, I John 3:13, II Corinthians 4:17-10,
- The devil is out to attack us – I Peter 5:8-9
- Being brave does not mean we look for fights, but that we stand for what is right.
- We must remember that it is not we who must win, but Christ has already won every battle – John 16:33
- We have the armor of God to bring into battle – Ephesians 6:10
 - Belt/girdle – God’s truth that binds all together – vs. 14
 - Breastplate – Christ’s righteousness guarding our vitals – vs. 14
 - Feet – preparation of the Gospel of peace to stand upon – vs. 15
 - Shield – faith in God’s wisdom, will, and works – vs. 16
 - Helmet – assurance of salvation – vs. 17
 - Sword – Word of God – vs. 17
 - Offense – prayer – vs. 18
 - Defense – watching/vigilance – vs. 18
- “for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” – persecution is proof that the saint’s true home is not of this world – Hebrews 11:38