




Transforming the Transformers
Matthew 5:1-11; Luke 6:20-23


Four Voices, One
Story
A HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS




call to the
word / Matt
5:3-9

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

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







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


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






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**Blessed *are* the merciful, For
they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed *are* the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.**





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**Blessed *are* the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of
God.**



A person with long dark hair, wearing a dark, heavy robe, stands with their back to the camera. They are looking out over a vast, open field where a massive crowd of people is gathered. The crowd consists of many individuals, some of whom are holding up small, round, light-colored objects, possibly bowls or plates. The scene is set in a natural, outdoor environment with trees and hills in the background. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The overall mood is one of awe and anticipation.

introduction

brokenness /
mat 5:3

Blessed: Makários “Oh, how happy!”
This is someone who receives divine favor and is the one who is in the world yet independent of the world.

“Poor in spirit” means recognizing your spiritual poverty—your need for God.

Jesus is saying... when you find yourself there, you are in a position to receive ‘divine approval’.

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The Kingdom of Heaven

God's active reign or rule over your life—where God's will is done, where justice, peace, mercy, and love prevail.



grieving / mat
5:4


**Mourning – deep and intense form
of lamenting**

**Mat 26:75 “He went out and wept
bitterly...”**

**"comforted" means they will find
peace and hope.**

Jhn 21:17





attitude /
mat 5:5


**Meek – humble, teachable and
gentle**

**It embodies the concept of power
under control or strength
harnessed with gentleness.**

Mat 26:63

“But Jesus kept silent”

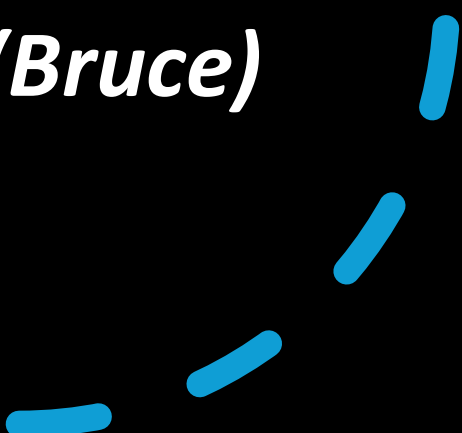




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mat 5:5

“...inherit the earth”

“The meek of England, driven by their native land by religious intolerance, have inherited the continent of America.” (Bruce)



hunger &
thirst / mat
5:6

“righteousness”

This refers to an individual's desire to live in accordance with God's will and to lead a life that reflects Christian virtues, such as honesty, integrity, compassion, and humility.

An inward transformation that leads to outward actions.




hunger &
thirst / mat
5:6

“filled”

it will satisfy their hunger and thirst for a right relationship with God and further His desire for true justice.

As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness. Ps 17:15


For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness. Ps 107:9




merciful /
mat 5:7

“merciful”

Being “merciful” emphasizes an active, compassionate response toward others, implying both emotional and practical support.






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mat 5:7

“receiving mercy”

1Sam 26:7-11

Once someone really understands how much grace they've been shown, they start extending that grace to others. They become merciful, not judgmental



vision / mat
5:8

“pure of heart”


being "pure of heart" was all about being real and honest. It meant your thoughts and intentions were clear and straightforward—no hidden tricks or deceit.

It is a sign of divine favor, God's pleasure, when one's motives and thoughts line up with God's, it changes everything.



vision / mat
5:8


“...see God”

- **It is a sign of divine favor, God's pleasure, when one's motives and thoughts line up with God's, it changes everything.**
 - **2Peter 1:3-4**
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5:8

“...peacemakers”

- Being a peacemaker is not just keeping the peace—but making peace between people and God...
 - **2Cor 5:17-21**
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5:8

- *“It is the devil who is a troublemaker; it is God who loves reconciliation and who now through his children, as formerly through his only begotten Son, is bent on making peace.” (Stott)*

vision / mat
5:8

“...Sons of God”


- Mat 16:13-18; Mat 28:19-20
- Gates of Hell... will not stand against the church because the church is made up of heavenly warriors who are peacemakers... reconcilers between God and man...who have connected with God's purposes to...



ripple effect /
mat 5:8

The Blueprint

The person who discovers their spiritual bankruptcy, mourns over it, adopts a meek attitude, hungers and thirsts for righteousness, becomes actively compassionate, has a purified heart and understands God purposes and become peacemakers... become world transformers.






ripple effect /
mat 5:8

The Blueprint

Jesus wasn't just giving a list of nice traits in the Beatitudes—He was describing a revolution of the heart that, when lived out, changes the world.





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