



Kingdom  
people

... A PEOPLE OF BLESSING

**MATTHEW 5:3-12**

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“God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. <sup>4</sup> God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. <sup>6</sup> God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> God blesses those who are merciful, for they

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will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup> God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. <sup>10</sup> God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. <sup>11</sup> God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all

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sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. <sup>12</sup> Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.”

- Matthew 5:3-12 (NLT)

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**Matt. 5-7**

# **Kingdom Truth #1**

- **God chooses to use you to show what His Kingdom is really all about**
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“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

– Matt. 5:14-16

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## **Kingdom Truth #2**

- **In order to become a people of blessing, we must renew our perspectives/renew our way of thinking**
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“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.” – Colossians 3:1-4

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“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but ***let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.*** Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

– Romans 12:2

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“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, ‘Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his

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people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.' And the one sitting on the throne said, 'Look, I am making everything new!' And then he said to me, 'Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.' And he also said, 'It is finished! I am the Alpha and

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the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.”

– Revelation 21:1-7

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**When people look at you, do they see what the Kingdom of God looks like?**

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