

## The King's Purpose for You, Step Five

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The King and His Glory / Matthew 5

In the His introduction to His Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7), the King's Manifesto for His Kingdom, King Jesus reveals nine steps to your purpose and ultimate blessing in this life and beyond.

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## Pre-sermon Comments

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[Acts 6:5](#) (LSB) <sup>5</sup> And this word pleased the whole congregation, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.

**Matthew 5:7** LSB

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

## Sermon Text

[Matthew 5:1-12](#) (LSB) <sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> And He opened His mouth and *began to* teach them, saying, <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the lowly, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. <sup>12</sup> “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

# Proposition and Outline

**Step One: Possess True Poverty ([Matt 5:3](#)) [Review]**

**Step Two: Persevere in Learning What Offends God ([Matt 5:4](#)) [Review]**

**Step Three: Pursue Lowliness ([Matt 5:5](#)) [Review]**

**Step Four: Pursue Righteousness ([Matt 5:6](#)) [Review]**

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Step Seven: Pursue Peace (Be a Peacemaker) ([Matt 5:9](#))

Step Eight: Patiently Endure Persecution for Righteousness' Sake ([Matt 5:10](#))

Step Nine: Patiently Endure Libel ([Matt 5:11](#))

## Review

### **Matthew 5:3-6 LSB**

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## What does it mean to be blessed?

Blessing is the state of happiness in our inward selves. It comes from the acknowledgment of the reality of how fortunate we are to have a relationship with God the Father through Jesus the Son. This relationship produces an inner bliss and contentment that comes from an ever-increasing recognition of all that God has done for us and that no circumstance or set of circumstances can change our happiness or contentment in Christ.

## Who is the source of blessing?

God Himself is the source of this blessing. We can only be truly blessed by partaking in His divine nature. As the psalmist promises, “In His presence is fullness of joy and in His right hand are pleasures forever” ([Ps 16:11](#)).

**Psalm 16:11 LSB**

<sup>11</sup> You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

## Who are the Blessed?

The blessed are those who have believed in the promises of Christ and are living in the present reality of the Holy Spirit living within them with an ever-increasing understanding of what He is accomplishing through them.

[Matthew 5:3](#) (LSB) <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## What does it mean to be Poor in Spirit?

God blesses a person who recognizes their spiritual bankruptcy or poverty. They have acknowledged their lostness in sin, hopelessness in life, and helplessness to save themselves. They must see that they are utterly unworthy of God and are entirely dependent upon Him to save them. They have cried out like Isaiah, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh of hosts” ([Isa 6:5](#)).

**Isaiah 6:5 LSB**

<sup>5</sup> Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh of hosts.”

## The poor in spirit will possess the Kingdom!

Step Two: Persevere in Learning What Offends God  
([Matt 5:4](#))

**Matthew 5:4 LSB**

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

## What does Jesus mean by mourning?

Godly mourning is a deep and abiding sorrow produced by the knowledge of our sins and how far we fall short of God's glory. This mourning can only be experienced by those who have recognized their spiritual poverty and desperate need for God's mercy and grace. *We see this type of mourning in the lives of saints like Isaiah ([Isa 6:5](#)) and David ([Ps 32:3-4](#) & [Ps 51:3-4](#)).*

## How does God bless our mourning?

[Matthew 5:4](#) (LSB) <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

## What does “comforted” mean?

The comfort Jesus refers to is supernatural encouragement that can only come from God Himself - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father has sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. He provides comfort or encouragement that comes from the Father and the Son. As believers who have come to a knowledge of sin, we are comforted from on high.

## How do we receive this comfort?

### Step Three: Pursue Lowliness ([Matt 5:5](#))

#### **Matthew 5:5 LSB**

Blessed are the lowly, for they shall inherit the earth.

## What does Jesus mean by “the lowly, gentle, or meek”?

The lowly are those who have come to understand their utter unworthiness in the light of God's holiness. They recognize their sinfulness and how far short they fall of His glory. Those who are lowly place no confidence in their flesh, finding their strength in Him alone. They have committed their way to Him, fully resting in Him. They have come to see their need to trust and delight in Him alone and have cast themselves on His mercy and trust in Him for protection.

## What does Jesus mean by “the lowly will inherit the

earth?”

**Psalm 37:11 LSB**

<sup>11</sup> But the lowly will inherit the land And will delight themselves in abundant peace.

## Step Four: Pursue Righteousness ([Matt 5:6](#))

[Matthew 5:6](#) (LSB) <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

**What does Jesus mean by hungering and thirsting?**

**What does Jesus mean by righteousness?**

### First step - Salvation

[Philippians 3:9](#) (LSB) <sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own which is from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God upon faith,

[2 Corinthians 5:21](#) (LSB) <sup>21</sup> He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

[Ephesians 1:3-14](#) (LSB) <sup>3</sup> Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, <sup>4</sup> just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him in love, <sup>5</sup> by predestining us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He graciously bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our transgressions, according to the riches of His grace <sup>8</sup> which He caused to abound to us in all wisdom and insight, <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Him <sup>10</sup> for an administration of the fullness of the times, *that is,* the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth in Him. <sup>11</sup> In Him, we also have been made an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who

works all things according to the counsel of His will, <sup>12</sup> to the end that we who first have hoped in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. <sup>13</sup> In Him, you also, after listening to the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, unto the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

## **Second Step - Sanctification**

### **What does Jesus mean when He says - for they shall be satisfied?**

#### Wrapping up the first four beatitudes

John MacArthur observes that -

Those who:

- Are truly poor in spirit will be merciful.
- Mourn over their sin will be pure in heart.
- Are lowly will be peacemakers.
- Hunger and thirst for righteousness will be persecuted for the sake of righteousness.

A Christian is something before he does anything; and we have to be Christian before we can act as Christians. Being is more important than doing, attitude is more significant than action. To be Christian, I say, is to possess a certain character and therefore to be a certain type of person. So often that is misinterpreted and people think that what the New Testament exhorts us to do is to try to be Christian in this and that respect, and to try to live as a Christian here and there. Not at all: we are Christians and our actions are the outcome of that. ~ Martyn Lloyd Jones

We are not meant to control our Christianity; our Christianity is rather meant to control us. ~ Martyn Lloyd Jones

[Galatians 2:20](#) (LSB) <sup>20</sup> “I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. And the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

His Spirit controls me at the very centre of my life, controls the very spring of my being, the source of my every activity. ~ Martyn Lloyd Jones

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#) (LSB) <sup>17</sup> Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creation*; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

### **1 Corinthians 2:12 LSB**

<sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the *depths* graciously given to us by God,

## Step Five: You will Prefer Mercy ([Matt 5:7](#))

### **Matthew 5:7 LSB**

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

‘Mercy and truth are met together’, and if I can think of mercy only at the expense of truth and law, it is not true mercy, it is a false understanding of the term. ~ Martyn Lloyd-Jones

A society that despises mercy is a society that glorifies brutality. ~ John MacArthur

### **Luke 10:30–32 LSB**

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> “And a priest happened to be going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> “Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

## What is the mercy that God blesses?

The best way of approaching [the definition of mercy] is to compare it with grace. ~ Martyn Lloyd-Jones

## How is mercy distinct from Grace?

[Matthew 25:35-36](#) (LSB) <sup>35</sup> ‘For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; <sup>36</sup> naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’

[Romans 1:7](#) (LSB) <sup>7</sup> to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called *as* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[1 Corinthians 1:3](#) (LSB) <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[2 Corinthians 1:2](#) (LSB) <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[Ephesians 1:2](#) (LSB) <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[1 Timothy 1:2](#) (LSB) <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, *my* genuine child in *the* faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

[2 Timothy 1:2](#) (LSB) <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

## What does true mercy look like?

[Hebrews 2:17](#) (LSB) <sup>17</sup> Therefore, He had to be made like His brothers in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

[Matthew 5:7](#) (LSB) <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

## How do I know if I am truly merciful?

**Perhaps the best way to know is to see how you view and treat your enemies especially when they are under your control.**

Are you going to say, ‘Well now, I am going to exert my rights at this point; I am going to be legal. This person has transgressed against me; very well, here comes my opportunity?’ That is the very antithesis of being merciful. This person is in your power; is there a vindictive spirit, or is there a spirit of pity

and sorrow, a spirit, if you like, of kindness to your enemies in distress? ~  
Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Forgiveness flows out of mercy, and mercy flows out of love. ~ **John F. MacArthur**

**Matthew 5:43–44 LSB**

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

**Matthew 6:14–15 LSB**

<sup>14</sup> “For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> “But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

## Conclusion:

### What about God’s mercy on us?

**Matthew 5:7 LSB**

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

God’s mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun of his light, or make space too narrow, than diminish the great mercy of God. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
and were the skies of parchment made;  
were ev’ry stalk on earth a quill,  
and ev’ryone a scribe by trade;  
to write the love of God above  
would drain the ocean dry;  
nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
though stretched from sky to sky. ~ Frederick M. Lehman

**Micah 7:19 LSB**

<sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us; He will subdue our iniquities. And You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea.

## More Quotes on being Merciful

*Grace* is shown to the undeserving; *mercy* is compassion to the miserable. Thus the synonym for *mercy* is *compassion*. Mercy, however, is not simply *feeling* compassion. Mercy exists when something is done to alleviate distress. ~ **R. Kent Hughes**

Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to thy neighbor. ~ **John Chrysostom**

This is not because we can merit mercy by mercy or forgiveness by forgiveness, but because we cannot receive the mercy and forgiveness of God unless we repent, and we cannot claim to have repented of *our* sins if we are unmerciful towards the sins of *others*. ~ **John Stott**

If we have life, it is according to the mercy of God. If we have protection, it is according to the mercy of God. If we have food and sustenance, it is of God's mercy. If we have providence to guide us, it is surely in the mercy of God. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

Mercy imitates God and disappoints Satan. ~ **John Chrysostom**

We get the odd notion that God is showing mercy because Jesus died. No— Jesus died because God is showing mercy. It was the mercy of God that gave us Calvary, not Calvary that gave us mercy. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

What this Beatitude means is that those who are truly God's children, and as such are objects of his mercy, will themselves be merciful and will receive mercy in the end. Showing mercy is evidence that we have received mercy. ~ **R. Kent Hughes**

There is mercy for a sinner, but there is no mercy for the man who will not own himself a sinner ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

The Lord's mercy is a sea which cannot be filled, though mountains of sin be cast into its midst. It is like Noah's flood, which covers all and drowns even the mountaintops of heaven-defying sins. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

The quality of mercy is not strain'd, It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven. Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes. **William Shakespeare**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life! ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

What is mercy? How does it differ from grace? The two terms are frequently synonymous; but where there is a distinction between the two, it appears that grace is a loving response when love is undeserved, and mercy is a loving response prompted by the misery and helplessness of the one on whom the love is to be showered. Grace answers to the undeserving; mercy answers to the miserable. ~ **D. A. Carson**

201 The omniscience of God is a wonder. The omnipotence of God is a wonder. God's spotless holiness is a wonder. None of these things can we understand. But the greatest wonder of all is the mercy of God. ~ **Andrew Murray**

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