

SOTM pt 9 – Blessed Up
Pastor John Carmichael

[Mat 5:1-12 NASB95] 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. 2 He opened His mouth and [began] to teach them, saying, 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when [people] insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- God wants you blessed up. He wants you to know that you do not have to stay where you are but you can change your trajectory. You are not stuck. He wants you to walk in His divine favor!
- μακάριος translated “blessed” – BDAG “privileged recipient of the divine favor.” Mounce Greek Dictionary – depicts someone who receives divine favor.
- Summary 9 (or 8) depending on how its counted. Descriptions of the person who is a receiver of divine favor OR, in other words is “blessed up.”

What do we need to know about being blessed up from Matthew 5:3-12

We need to understand our part and His heart.

I. Our part in being blessed up.

- a. It is a choice. You are not at the whim of people, luck, or any other force. You can choose to walk in the blessing. You can make choices right now to be blessed up.
- b. [Deu 30:18-20 NASB95] 18 I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong [your] days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it. 19 "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, 20 by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."
- c. [2Ti 3:12 NASB95] 12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.
- d. We will suffer against sin, self, Satan, and sinful society.
- e. We will live a life of sacrifice.

II. God's heart in us being blessed up.

- a. God wants you blessed up. It was from the beginning.
- b. It was the first plan for humanity. [Gen 1:28 NASB95] 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
- c. It was to be continued to Abram (Abraham). [Gen 12:1-3 NASB95] 1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; 2 And I will make you a great nation,

SOTM pt 9 – Blessed Up
Pastor John Carmichael

And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

- d. It is why Jesus went to the Cross. [Gal 3:13-14 NASB95] 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- e. He wants you blessed up.

- **God wants us to renew our mind to the fact that as we choose to live a separated life to Him, He wants to us to be recipients of His divine favor or to be blessed up.**
- **[1Sa 2:8 NASB95] 8 "He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap To make them sit with nobles, And inherit a seat of honor; For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, And He set the world on them.**