



## **Matthew 5:1-16** New American Standard Bible (NASB) The Sermon on the Mount; The Beatitudes

**5** 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.

**13** “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

**14** “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

**15** nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **16** **Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.**



Repeating words/phrases  
Blessed are  
For they shall  
Persecute/persecuted  
Heaven  
You  
But  
Light  
Heaven

In verse 1-2 Jesus acts. What does He do?





Many of us have read and even memorized the beatitudes at some point in our lives. It is easy to read over them and not think about what they mean. Using some kind of a Bible study tool, research what they following phrases mean:

- 'poor in spirit'
- 'those who mourn'
- 'gentle'
- 'hunger and thirst'
- 'merciful'
- 'pure in heart'
- 'peacemakers'
- 'persecuted'





Similarly, what is the significance of these phrases?

'the kingdom of heaven'

'be comforted'

'inherit the earth'

'be satisfied'

'receive mercy'

'see God'

'be called sons of God'

'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'

There are three imperatives, two in verse 12 and one in verse 16. List them.

How do these seem challenging in light of the whole passage?



Jesus compares believers to two things in verses 13 and 16.  
What are they?

What does it mean to be salt? What difference does salt  
make?

What does it mean to be light? What difference does light  
make?



How can we be world changers as we live our daily lives?

