

The True Way to a False Happiness

Matthew 5:7

Sermon on the Mount

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain:
and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying...

Matthew 5:1,2

The Quest for True Happiness?

- It is being said today in all of the denominational writings that the *Beatitudes along with the "Sermon on the Mount"* are the way to "true happiness" and success with all of God's blessings!
- The meaning - *Beatitude*:
 - 1. "*Blessedness*" - felicity of the highest kind; consummate bliss; used of the joys of heaven.
 - "Felicity" means:
 - 1. Happiness, or rather great happiness; blessedness; blissfulness; appropriately, the joys of heaven.
 - 2. Prosperity; blessing; enjoyment of good.
- Note: In complete contrast to the **Gospels** and **Hebrews** to **Jude**, Paul's blessings from the Risen Christ are *spiritual* today, not *physical*!
 - **Ephesians 1:3** - *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:*
 - *grace, hope, sufferings, joy, faith, wisdom, prudence, utterance, knowledge of Jesus Christ, judgment, fruit, thanksgiving, love and charity towards the brethren.*

If taught TO us today, the Sermon on the Mount...

- ...goes against Paul's teachings!
 - **Galatians 1:8,9** - *But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*
- ...is taught to please man, not God!
 - **Galatians 1:10** - *For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.*
- So, to the rightly divided Bible Believer, the Beatitudes would have to be considered a work of darkness
 - **Ephesians 5:11** - *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*
 - They MUST be reproved!

- ...teach Christ's work today falsely!
 - **Galatians 2:21 - I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.**
 - If Jesus' work is taught falsely, do they receive real Jesus?
- Sermon on the Mount is NOT OUR SERMON!

People seem to want to be involved in their own salvation, one way or another!

- People today, just like Israel, think they are commanded to follow those beatitudes - but they have no knowledge of the rightly divided truth.
 - **Romans 10:2-3 - For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**
- Those people just seem to have such a strong desire to have something to do with their salvation - regardless whether it is to 'earn it', or 'maintain it through confession'!
 - If it isn't 'maintaining' their salvation, then they fear losing God's fellowship!
 - **I John 1:7 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**
 - **IF ...**
 - Not written TO us - it is from a tribulation book!
 - Jewish teaching!
 - You see, God is the one faithful - not us!
 - **I Corinthians 1:9 - God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**
 - **Ephesians 3:9 - And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:**
 - **II Timothy 2:13 - If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.**

Great Commission teachings!

- The Sermon on the Mount would be some of the teachings that Christ told them to take to the world
 - You ought to know the verses by now!
 - Ask folks to be sure to read them ALL!
- **Matthew 28:19,20**
- **Mark 16:15-20**
- **Acts 1-8**

Not 'To' us!

- Simply put, these Beatitudes are not written to us - "us" meaning the church age Christians that have put our faith in Christ and received the faith of Christ.

- You know ... **us** - those *Blood-Washed; King James Bible-Only Believers; Rightly Dividing; Reading and believing That Which is Perfect; Sanctified; Justified; Propitiated; Expiated; Redeemed; Reconciled; Regenerated; Imputed; Made Free; Adopted sons of God; the children of God; Paul following.* We are Christians in a true New Testament sense of the word, as according to the teachings of Paul.
 - PS - "expiated" means *Atoned for; done away by satisfaction offered and accepted.*
- We are not ashamed of Christ **nor** of Paul!
 - **II Timothy 1:8 - Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;**

TO Jews only!

- Regarding the Sermon on the Mount, it was being preached to Jews only!
 - There was no spiritual circumcision (**Colossians 2:11-16**)
 - There was no indwelling Holy Spirit!
 - **John 7:39 - (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)**
 - The only '...tions' concerning 'salvation' were 'remission' and 'confession!'
 - **Mark 1:4,5 - John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.**
 - **Luke 24:47 - And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**
 - There were no New Testament writings at this time!
 - **Hebrews 9:16,17 - For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.**
- The disciples that are mentioned in **verse 1** are referring to the multitudes that have followed Him everywhere at this point (see **4:23-25**)!

Old Testament Jewish sermon

- "*The Beatitudes*," also known as the "*Sermon on the Mount*," are just Old Testament Jewish teachings, given under the law by a Messiah (before His atonement), and is an impossibility to live it today nor is it even a commandment to do so!
- It will take the Spirit of God upon their flesh to live the Sermon on the Mount during the Tribulation and Millennium! (See **Acts 2:17+**)

Not even Christ Himself!

- In fact, Christ Himself would not be considered a child of God according to **verse 9**
(see **Matthew 10:34-36; Luke 12:51-53; John 7:43,44; 10:19,20**).

Eternal suicide / murder!

- To attempt to apply the Beatitudes doctrinally to the Christian is eternal suicide / murder; the very liberal pastors who teach the "sermon" are responsible for some of the greatest suicidal deaths & disasters in the churches that exist today (yes, spiritually AND physical suicides!).
 - When you attempt to apply the Sermon on the Mount to Christians, you damn those listeners to the lake of fire at the most or to a confused empty folly form of Christianity if they ever had been truly saved BEFORE they heard this stuff.
- Another Jesus!
 - So instead, they design a Christ who is a *mushy-lovey-effeminate-love-all-peacemaker* that the Ecumenical world will supposedly try to imitate - he is the Jesus that Paul calls 'another Jesus'.
- Peace?
 - They have no idea the kind of peace that Jesus was preaching at the time versus the kind of peace that He offers after they kill him!

Ignore Paul's writings!

- No reasonable, sane Christian in his right mind could reconcile the passages doctrinally with the Pauline epistles. Folks will read the four Gospels but ignore **Romans** to **Philemon** and still say the WHOLE Bible is 'for' them.
 - Instead of rightly dividing, they wrongly divide and reject the stuff they should accept and accept the stuff they should reject.
 - The Sermon on the Mount / Beatitudes, if taught TO people today, they would be considered to be profane and vain babblings!
 - **II Timothy 2:15,16** - *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.*
- More of the folly manifested today, as we near the last days!
 - **II Timothy 3:9** - *But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.*

Prophecy was being completed, however...!

- To correctly understand the Sermon on the Mount, all we have to do is believe what we have read in the Old Testament until this time in the Gospels.
 - God promised a literal kingdom with His ruler on the throne of David.
 - **Matthew 2:6** - *And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.*
 - **Matthew 3:2** - *And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*
 - The ruler appeared;
 - He was heralded / worshipped by some, rejected by most!
 - **John 1:11** - *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*
 - As the king He could have been, he delivered the constitution for the kingdom,

- (which is an earthly, Messianic, Jewish kingdom on earth)
 - His teachings as we was walking to fulfil the law!
 - They killed their own ruler / king.
- Then on went the Great Commission - for a while, anyway!
 - **Acts 1-8**
 - Then it eventually ended in failure, as well!
 - See **Acts 7; 9; 13:46; 18:26; 22; 26; 28:28**, and all between those verses
- Was what came next - the '*pause that refreshes*' - a '*redo from God?*'?
 - No - It was just kept hidden!
 - **Ephesians 3:5 - Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;**
 - **Ephesians 1:4,5 - According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,**
 - **Ephesians 1:10,11 - That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**

So, in the next sermon, let's begin to compare the teachings from the Sermon on the Mount with Paul's Epistles!

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The entire King James Bible is written FOR us, but it is not all written TO us!

We learn from the "For" and we try to apply the 'TO!"