

The Sermon on the Mount



SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2020

Church of the Beatitudes



Sea of Galilee



Introduction to the Beatitudes

Matthew Chapter 5 verses 3 to 11

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
- ▶ 2. Blessed are those who mourn – for they will be comforted.
- ▶ 3. Blessed are the meek - for they will inherit the earth.
- ▶ 4. Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness – for they will be filled
- ▶ 5. Blessed are the merciful – for they will be shown mercy
- ▶ 6. Blessed are the pure in heart – for they will see God
- ▶ 7. Blessed are the peacemakers – for they will be called the children of God
- ▶ 8. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness -for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Beatitudes

Who we are in Christ.

- ▶ called to be counter cultural
- ▶ counter cultural to the world and to the Religious world.
- ▶ Salt and Light, Salt of the earth, Light on a hill.
- ▶ The SOTM a manifesto - a sermon of a New Teacher (messiah) in this vibrant area Galilee, I
- ▶ n Matt 5:21 when Jesus said, "*You have heard it said of old...but I say unto you.*"
- ▶ That one who spoke 'of old' was Moses.
- ▶ Jesus is the NEW: that was Old Testament, He is the new testament.'

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Who we are in Christ.

- ▶ Christ lives in me, and I live by faith in Him ([Galatians 2:20](#)).
- ▶ We are Righteous, Matt 5v6 We have right standing with Him—in Jesus Christ ([2 Cor 5:21](#)).
- ▶ We are merciful Matt 5v7, Forgiving as we have been forgiven Matt 6v12, Matt 7v1 Not judging that we may not be judged
- ▶ We are pure in heart Matt 5v8 , holy as he is Holy ([1 Peter 1:16](#)).
- ▶ We are Peacemakers Matt 5v9 We have peace with God, peace that passes understanding [Phil 4:7](#)
- ▶ We are the light of the world ([Matthew 5:14](#)). We are Salt of the earth [Matthew 5:16](#)
- ▶ We have treasures in heaven, where our hearts are also (Matt 6v21)
- ▶ We have a Father in Heaven, hallowed be his name (Matt 6v9) we are joint-heirs with Christ ([Rom 8:17](#)).

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Who we are in Christ.

- ▶ We are free from the law of sin and death Matt 5v20 ([Romans 8:2](#)).
- ▶ We are greatly loved by God ([John 3:16](#)) Redeemed, forgiven of all sin, cleansed through the blood of Christ ([Eph 1:7](#)).
- ▶ We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us ([Philippians 4:13](#)).
- ▶ We are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us ([Rom 8:37](#)).
- ▶ Greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world ([1 John 4:4](#)).
- ▶ We are ambassadors for Christ ([2 Corinthians 5:20](#)).
- ▶ We are aware of false prophets, wolves in sheep's clothing (Matt 7v15)
- ▶ We are the wise man who builds our house on the Rock which is Christ (Matt7v24)
- ▶ Blessedness is based on who we inChrist and who we are becoming through the transforming HS in our lives.

The Qualities we have

**Not 8 groups of people
these are 8 qualities of 1 people
Christ's ones.**

Some bible scholars believe each beatitude leads to the next.

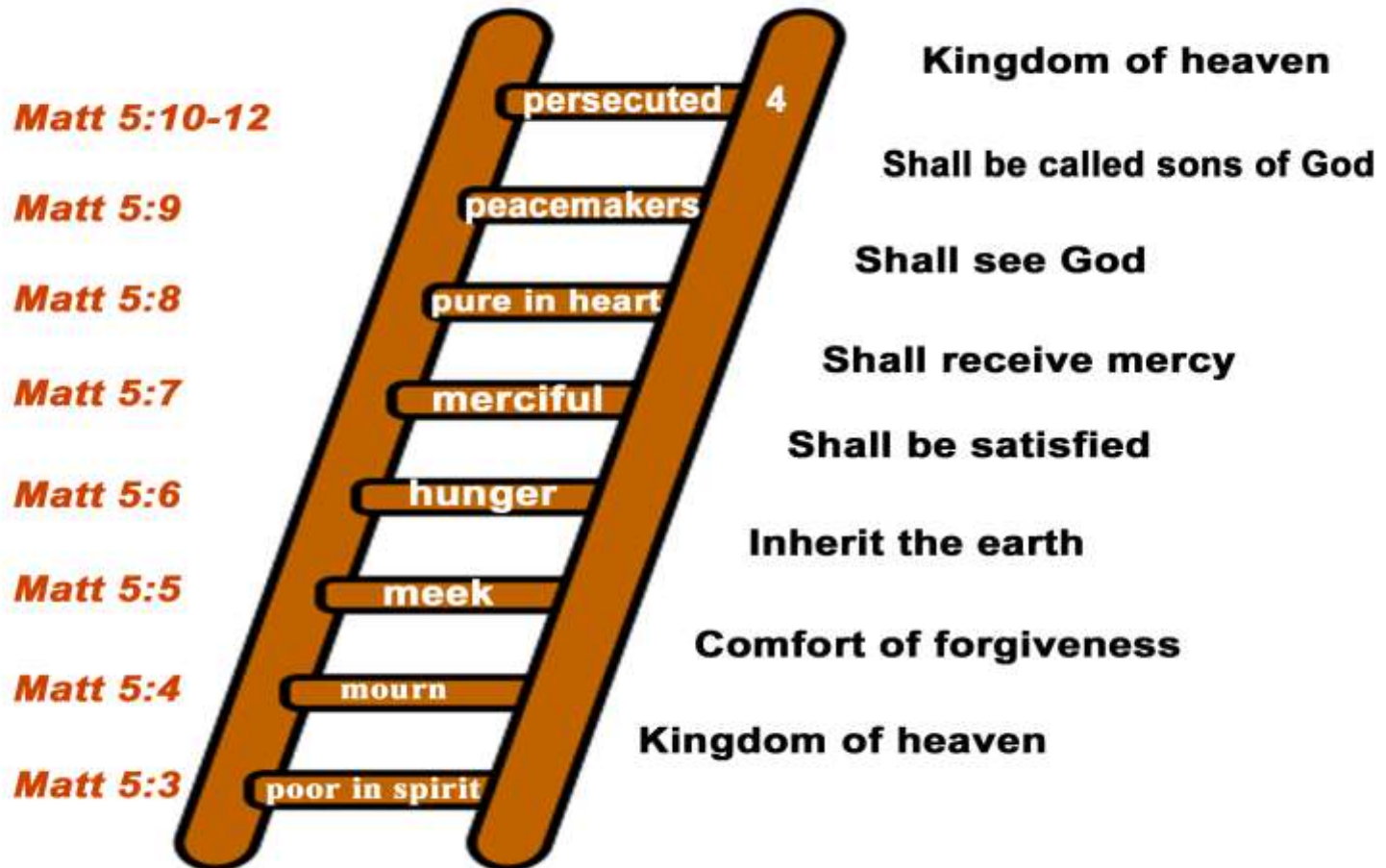
John Chrysostom spoke about links in a chain

Some depict a ladder each step led to the other and each was dependant on the previous step.

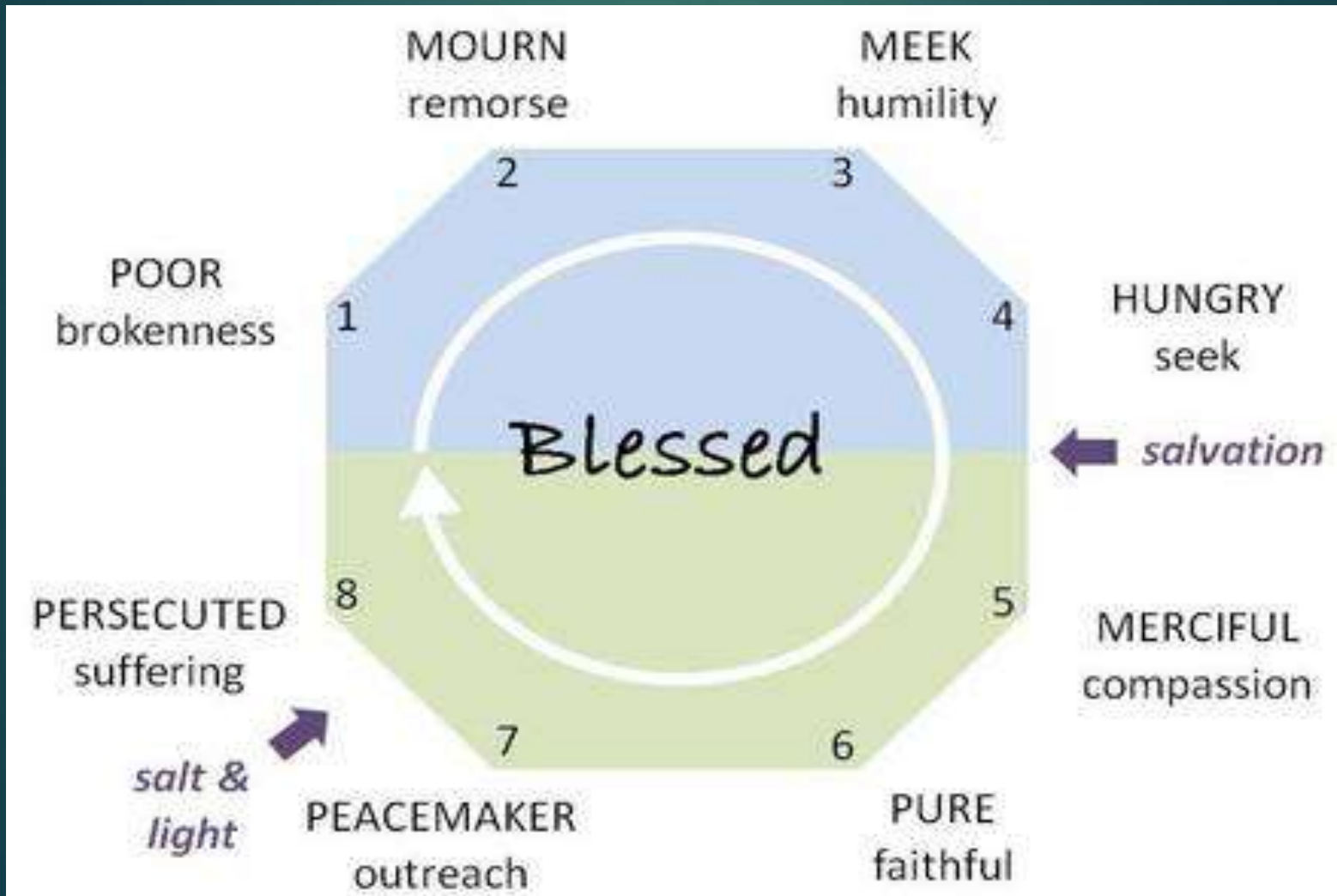
These pictures may help us memorise the 8 but over simplifies

Beatitudes steps

Poor in Spirit, Mourn, Meek, hunger, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, persecuted.



Beatitudes link



Persecution

Leah Sharibu

was abducted 2 years ago, she refused to renounce her faith. She paid the price with her freedom.

She was one of 110 girls abducted from their school in Dapchi, Nigeria by Boko Haram (19 Feb 2018).

Following negotiations by the government, the girls were allowed to go home.

Leah wasn't released because she refused to convert to Islam in exchange for her freedom. Please also ask your church to pray on Sunday 16 February.



The Blessings we have

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