

Bible Study Series: "Not So With You" (lesson 12) Kingdom Realities

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Followers of Christ have become citizens of the Kingdom of God: Ambassadors & Priests of the King! We try to embrace what God has done for us, what God wants in this world, and our role in it.

Jesus commissioned His disciples to make disciples:

Then Jesus came to them and said, **"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**

¹⁹Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Today, we will look at the central curriculum Jesus used to teach His disciples: The Sermon of the Mount

"Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them." Matthew 5:1,2

Jesus begins by revealing the Kingdom definition of "Blessed"

He said: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:3-12

- **In the Kingdom of God, the word "Blessed" has a different _____.**
- **Blessing in the Kingdom will resemble the _____ of Jesus & people's _____ to Jesus.**

A careful study of Jesus life will reveal a Kingdom Strategy He employed to:

1. bring the Kingdom of God to earth.
2. demonstrate to His disciples and US how we are to proceed after He has left and until He returns!

- **Jesus reveals a new reality: _____**

"Rejoice and be glad, because great is your **reward in heaven**, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:12

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, **and all these things will be given to you as well.**" Matthew 6:33

Conclusion:

We live for the King in a foreign land & are called to represent Him

We will be treated with respect & with hatred so we must remember we are serving Him!

When we experience this Kingdom "Blessing" we mustn't lose heart but rather rejoice!