

Questions for Gospel Harmony #33 – The Sermon on the Mount (Part 2)

Matthew 5.3-12; Luke 6.20-26

1. Define the terms: “poor in spirit” and “kingdom of Heaven/kingdom of God.” In what sense is the kingdom “theirs” and why is this the case? (Matthew 5.3; Luke 6.20)
2. Does the phrase “those who mourn” refer generally to all sad people, or to people who are mourning for a specific reason? How shall they be comforted? (Matthew 5.4)
3. What does it mean to be “meek”? Define the phrase: “they shall inherit the earth.” How will this happen? (Matthew 5.5)
4. What does it mean to “hunger and thirst for righteousness”? How shall they be filled? (Matthew 5.6)
5. What does it mean to be “merciful”? How shall they obtain mercy? (Matthew 5.7)

6. Define the terms: “pure in heart” and “they shall see God.” What is it about a pure heart that enables a person to “see God”? (Matthew 5.8)

7. What is a “peacemaker”? What does it mean to be “called the sons of God” and why would peacemakers be called this? (Matthew 5.9)

8. What does it mean to be persecuted “for righteousness sake” or for Jesus’ sake? Jesus gives three reasons why Christians should be happy when they are persecuted, what are they?

9. In Matthew’s account, Jesus mentions those who are “poor *in spirit*” or “hunger and thirst *for righteousness*,” but in Luke’s account Jesus simply says “you poor” or “you who hunger.” Is there a difference between these beatitudes in Matthew and Luke? Is Matthew discussing a spiritual condition and Luke a physical condition? (Luke 6.20-21)

10. In Luke’s account, Jesus says “Blessed are you who hunger *now*...” and “who weep *now*...” for you “*shall* be filled” and “you *shall* laugh.” When would this change occur? (Luke 6.21)

11. Luke’s accounts lists three “woes” in contrast to the beatitudes. What does the word “woe” mean? What do these woes teach us?