

Sermon Notes: June 25, 2017

Our Heart Towards God

Series: "Sermon on the Mount: True Righteousness"

Matthew 5:1-6 • Pastor Paul Bradford

- **Those who hope in nothing but Christ enter God's glorious Kingdom.**
 - *3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- **Christ's followers who grieve over their own sins, the world's sin, and the loss of all but Christ will find true comfort.**
 - *4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*
- **Humble, gentle Christ followers will have present influence and eternal inheritance.**
 - *5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*
- **Those who long to know Christ and to be like him will find true and lasting satisfaction.**
 - *6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

- **Our Response: As you hope in the Lord alone, longing for him above all, he will satisfy your soul.**

- **Life Application**
 - *Blessed are the poor in spirit:* Where do you place your hope? Ponder your profound poverty in all of life, that your soul is desperate without Jesus. As you find hope and riches in Christ alone, you will know the joy of God's Kingdom.
 - *Blessed are those who mourn:* Are you honestly facing your sadness? Acknowledge the sorrow you feel for your sin and for the sin and brokenness in the world. Mourn the loss of this world. As you repent of sin and die to this world, you will begin to experience true peace and comfort within.
 - *Blessed are the meek:* Have you given up defending your own rightness? Are you gentle and humble, not seeking to assert yourself over others in order to advance your own causes or to look good? As you live meekly, God will work through you, and the future will be yours.
 - *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness:* Do you long for God? Take time in quietness to allow yourself to long to know the Lord more deeply and to be pure for his glory. As you hunger and thirst for Christ and his righteousness, you will be satisfied!