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Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes & True Happiness

Matthew 5:1-12

- 1) The blessings of God are endless for His faithful ones who are pleasing to Him
 - a) They are continually aware of their sinful nature (5:3)
 - b) They are deeply grieved by their sin and propensity to sin (5:4)
 - c) Their humility before God is evident to all (5:5)
 - d) They long to be filled with the fruits of knowing Christ (5:6)

- 2) Temporary and eternal rewards are guaranteed for God's faithful people
 - a) God's kingdom—the now and not yet—is their dwelling place (5:3)
 - b) The hope of eternal comfort grants consolation in the here and now (5:4)
 - c) A future earthly paradise is the guaranteed retirement for them (5:5)
 - d) Unattainable satisfaction in the world will turn to fullness in heaven (5:6)

- 3) Those who shun God's blessings can only experience gradual, eternal curses
 - a) Cursed are those without conviction of sin; theirs is the kingdom of darkness
 - b) Cursed are those who laugh at sin; their anxiety today will only increase
 - c) Cursed are the proud; they will inherit eternal torment
 - d) Cursed are those seeking the fullness of life with worldly accomplishments and awards; they will forever remain unsatisfied