

What is the Kingdom of God?

Reading: Matthew 5:3-9

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are those who are sad, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, for they will be filled.

Blessed are those who show mercy, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Thought about the reading

The Sermon on the Mount is a talk that Jesus did when he went up a mountain and lots of people followed him. The talk was about the Kingdom of God.

Jesus started the talk with lots of sentences which are called 'The Beatitudes.' These describe the sort of people that God invites to be part of his kingdom.

Imagine King Charles had a big dinner. Who would he invite? Probably people who are part of the royal family, and rich and famous people. But these are not the people that Jesus invites. He asks the poor, sad, humble people, those who are kind and pure and who work for peace. These are the people he wants to be part of his upside-down kingdom.

Jesus invites all of us to be part of his kingdom. We don't have to be rich or famous. We just have to say 'Yes' to his invitation.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you that you invite the poor, sad and humble people to be part of your kingdom, not the rich and famous. Thank you that you invite me. I want to say 'Yes' to your invitation.

Please help me to be like the person described in our reading today.

Amen



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Bible Study notes

The Sermon on the Mount

1. God's upside-down kingdom

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