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Heirs of the Kingdom

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Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

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⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Application

- Where are you in the Christian journey?
 - Seeking: *curious, but not committed*
 - Beginning: *born again, believing, and baptized*
 - Growing: *character in process, making progress*
 - Finishing: *the race is nearly over, heaven is in view*

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But some may object: My hunger after righteousness is so weak that I fear it is not true. I answer: Though the pulse beats but weak it shows there is life. And that weak desires should not be discouraged, there is a promise made to them. “A bruised reed he will not break” (Matthew 12:20). A reed is a weak thing, but especially when it is bruised, yet this “bruised reed” shall not be broken... In case of weakness look to Christ your High Priest. He is merciful, therefore will bear with your infirmities; he is mighty, therefore will help them.

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- Direction: *is my life oriented towards the vision of the kingdom?*

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The pure in heart only shall see God. Such as live in sin... shall never come where God is. They shall have a frightful vision of God, but not a beatific vision. They shall see the flaming and the burning lake, but not the mercy-seat. God in scripture is sometimes called “a consuming fire,” sometimes the “Father of lights.” The wicked shall feel the fire, but not see the light.

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- Have you submitted to Jesus as your king, trusted him as your Savior, and followed him as your teacher?

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