

The Beatitudes

Quote: Jesus, "Divine Messages from Jesus"

"TRUTH isn't about the messenger, it's about the message. I didn't create the Truth that I willingly gave my physical life to share with the world. I merely illuminated what was always and is forever true—the eternal truth for everyone—because if what I embodied and lived was for only one person, what was the point? My life and messages serve as examples of what everyone can be—what you can be, and are. It doesn't matter who gets the credit because only one truly receives the credit—the Originator, the Creator, the Infinite, God."

I've been strongly Divinely guided since Monday to change the topic of my talk today to this one on The Beatitudes. I'm being assured that this message will benefit and inspire someone or several someones here. I don't know who, but whoever you are, know that this message is chosen especially by the Divine for you for a particular healing-type inner shift that will benefit you and your life, so please listen carefully.

The Gospel of Matthew

Chapter 5, vs 3-12, the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount

The Beatitudes, or blessings, or the be-attitudes, are the core of the core teachings Jesus came here to share. As Jesus said in the previous quote, it isn't about the messenger, it's about the message. In fact, when I was creating the flyer for the Sermon on the Mount classes that I was honored to co-facilitate with Reverend Rio Parfrey, who, if you ever have the chance, you might want to take her classes. She is a disciple in International Religions and I will miss her enlightening wisdom. But back to the flyer, I originally wrote, "Jesus' core teachings". He insisted I remove his name because he said they aren't his core teachings; they are Eternal Truth core teachings; they are the Divine's core teachings.

What we often don't realize is the power within the statements. To many of us they have become meaningless. So often when we read through the Beatitudes we skim over them without any realization of the power and depth of their meaning. For one, our lifestyle is so very different, and for another, many of the words either had no accurate translation in the English language, or often the meanings don't make sense any more, or they come across ho-hum, or they've actually come to mean the opposite of the original language.

First, the phrase “blessed are,” when the original Greek word is translated accurately, it means “Oh, the godlike joy of...” The reason that is important is because they are not just wishes of what might be; they are not hopes for future blessings; they are celebrations of what exists right now, at this moment. They are exultant shouts of joy for the Divine blessings that nothing in this physical world can ever take away from us.

5:3 #1 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Poor in spirit, (not financially, but in spirit). The original meaning for poor spoken at the time describes absolute and abject poverty. It describes the poverty which is beaten to its knees, someone who is absolutely destitute. Why is that something to celebrate? Because it celebrates the person who is so spiritually destitute they realize their own utter lack of resources to meet life, and with nowhere else to turn, put their whole trust in God. It means surrender, the most significant choice we make. Surrender isn't only about giving, it is mainly about receiving. We are to empty ourselves in surrender so that total love and Truth and guidance can flood into us and fill us to overflowing without restriction. That is when we truly celebrate the fullness of life that is ours to experience from that inner kingdom of heaven that is within us. Not from anything outside of us or something somewhere someday. Now. Inside us always. That is freedom. That is true joy. I'll personalize the proclamations of triumph.

CC Oh, the godlike joy when we feel so spiritually destitute we finally surrender to the One-That-Knows-All, putting all of our trust in our Source, opening ourselves to the power of the kingdom of heaven that is already within us and is always within us. This is joy!

5:4 #2 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

The specific Greek word for to mourn used originally, is the strongest word for mourning in the Greek language. It is the word which is used for mourning for the dead, for the passionate lament for one who was loved.

For what do we mourn as if it were a type of death? When we are spiritually destitute and finally surrender all to our Source, we realize what a mess we've made of our lives. We mourn for our regrets, our mistakes, things we said or did wrong, perhaps hurting ourselves, or others. Words and actions we wish we could retract but we can't, regrets that tear us up inside. We mourn that, in our ignorance, we blunder our way through life, too often missing out on what might have been

our bliss if we'd seen or understood more clearly. It is when we look back on our lives at the moment of death and regret what we didn't have the courage to go for and that it is now too late.

So, paraphrased:

CC: Oh the God-like joy when we finally recognize and mourn for our mistakes, for the shambles we made of our lives, because we are comforted by the realization that, mistakes and all, that no matter what we have done, we are loved by the Divine anyway, unconditionally, without judgment. The way we are loved by the Divine is the Perfect Example of how we are to love ourselves. The way we are to love others. There is no greater comfort than this. To be loved anyway. This is joy.

5:5 #3 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

In Aramaic, the word translated as "meek" means literally those who have softened what is rigid inside. That means when we are rigid about our thinking we are not open to any other viewpoint, even the Divine's. In our rigidity, we block ourselves from receiving and experiencing the Real Truth, the Eternal Truth. When we soften inside, we become teachable.

CC Oh the god-like joy when we soften what is rigid inside and become teachable, opening to and accepting the Eternal Truth, freeing us to experience the highest and best physical life possible while on planet earth. This is joy.

5:6 #4 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

The hunger which this beatitude describes is no genteel hunger which could be satisfied with a mid-morning snack; the thirst of which it speaks is no thirst which could be slaked with a cup of coffee or an iced drink. It is the hunger of the person who is starving for food, and the thirst of one who will die unless they drink. The word righteousness is defined as goodness.

There is one further point which only emerges in the Greek. It could have said I want some of the bread, but not the whole loaf. I want some of the water, but not the entire container. The wording Jesus used means I want the whole loaf of bread. I want the entire container of water.

O the godlike joy when we long for total goodness as a starving person longs for food, and a person perishing of thirst longs for water, for from the Divine our hunger will be satisfied, our thirst will be quenched, and we will be fulfilled! This is joy.

5:7 #5 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

There is more to this beatitude than the obvious. The Hebrew word for mercy is one of several untranslatable words where our English is insufficient. It means to see others as God sees them. When we do that, like the Divine, not only do we not judge them, but also we respond with compassion and understanding. Even more, it is seeing ourselves in others, like a reflection. It is being that which we choose to receive.

So the translation of the fifth beatitude might read:

O the god-like joy when we get right inside other people, until we can see with their eyes, think with their thoughts, feel with their feelings, see them as God sees them, for when we do, our hearts open with love and compassion. In return we, too, receive mercy. That is joy!

5:8 #6 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

The Greek word for pure means unmixed, unadulterated, unalloyed. It requires self-examination. Is our work done from motives of service or from motives of pay or acknowledgment, from being self-less, or from self-display, from a feeling of unity, or of superiority? This is about intent, and perceptions.

it is difficult to see a purity beyond our own flawed perceptions, because we see everything through that flawed lens. The purer our sight, the purer the lens through which we view everything, the more purity we recognize. Total pureness recognizes total pureness.

So, then, this sixth beatitude might read:

CC Oh the godlike joy of choosing from pure intentions because when we do, we see everything as God sees, which is always through the lens of love. That is joy!

5:9 #7 Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called sons of God.

In Hebrew peace is never only a negative state; it never means only the absence of trouble; in Hebrew peace always means everything that serves one's highest good. But peace starts within us.

Oh the god-like joy when our own inner warfare is finally over and we make peace within our own heart and in our own soul. Then, along with the Source of Peace, we may serve as peacemakers to bless the world. This is joy!

5:10-12 #8 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you."

This final one might be the most difficult. What does it mean for us?

Note in this last beatitude where the wording shifts from blessed are those, to blessed are you, the only time this happens. It changes from Blessed are those who are persecuted – generic - to a very personal blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you. The reason is because this beatitude isn't referring to the internal work you go through that you celebrate in the previous statements. This is a head's up that refers to a potential rejection of you by others when you follow your spiritual path of truth and love; he wants you to be aware of that possibility and not be discouraged or turned off your path.

In the last sentence, Jesus said "Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great." The word for glad means to leap exceedingly. It is the leaping-for-joy runner who overcomes all obstacles in their path and crosses the finish line in truth and integrity. When we do so, we then serve as a truth trailblazer, a lamp lighting the way.

Why the warning?

The truth is frightening to many people when it is different from what they believe. When frightened, people often persecute those who believe differently, call them names, slander them, try to destroy their reputations, ridicule, express hatred, and even kill. Using Jesus as an example, when from a position of love, we embody that truth no matter what is coming at us from other's fear-reactions, we then experience on a deep level, an ongoing stabilizing Inner Power and Peace, while serving the world in unflagging honesty and integrity. Is that not what we all choose no matter the chaos and negativity that might be swirling like hornets around us? To stand solid in the Eternal Truth? Why would we settle for anything less?

Oh the godlike joy when we are persecuted for embodying and sharing goodness and Eternal Truth, because when we stand strong in the truth and be that which we truly are, we experience deep Inner Power, Love and Peace while inspiring others to live their own truth. This is joy.

SPIRITUAL SUMMARY ALIGNMENT

to plant these truths deep within our hearts and to take with us into our everyday lives.

THERE IS ONE Source of all. All life, goodness, love, joy, wisdom and blessings, one Great Magnificence—One Source of All.

We are each created from the One Source, the goodness, the love, the joy, the wisdom and blessings, from the one Great Magnificence. By default, we are each Magnificent.

- ☞ *Because we are created in Unity from love, we celebrate the godlike joy when we feel so spiritually destitute we finally surrender to the One-That Knows-All, putting all of our trust in our Source.*
- ☞ *We celebrate when we finally recognize and mourn for our mistakes, because we are comforted by the realization that we are loved by the Divine anyway, unconditionally, without judgment.*
- ☞ *We celebrate when we soften what is rigid inside and become teachable, opening to and accepting the Eternal Truth, freeing us to experience the highest and best physical life possible while on planet earth.*
- ☞ *We celebrate when we long for total goodness as a starving person longs for food, and a person perishing of thirst longs for water, for from the Divine we will be fulfilled*
- ☞ *We celebrate when we see others as God sees them, for when we do, our hearts open with love and compassion and that, In return we, too, receive mercy.*
- ☞ *We celebrate when we choose from pure intentions because when we do, we see everything as God sees, which is always through the lens of love.*
- ☞ *We celebrate when we make peace within our own heart and soul, serving the Source of Peace, as peacemakers to bless the world.*
- ☞ *We celebrate even when we are persecuted for embodying and sharing goodness and Eternal Truth, because we experience deep Inner Power, Love and Peace while inspiring others.*

We are grateful for the joy in embodying these Eternal Truths. We are grateful we are to accomplish all of this from within the Inner power of Divine love and guidance.

We surrender everything we are to the Great Peacemaker, to that Divine Guidance that has all of the answers to all of our challenges, knowing that when we are emptied of self, we are filled with the Divine.

And together we say

AND SO IT IS!

Now please stand and shout out this great truth ... **I AM MAGNIFICENT!!!!**

I love you! God bless you!