

## 8 Great Values

Beatitudes: Blessed or Happy

Keys to **Happiness** - only if we Do them (end of SotM)

**8 Values** are the Foundation of the Sermon on the Mount

Sermon on the Mount transitions from Law to New Covenant mindset

(**Je 31:31-33**) <sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— <sup>32</sup>“not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

from Outward Behavior to Minds & Hearts (inner man)

**8 Values** must be Internally Developed to Outwardly Manifest His Kingdom

this is only possible by His Indwelling Spirit

(**Eze 36:26-27**) <sup>26</sup>“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

**8 Values that produce Happiness in us** - counter intuitive (Mt 5:3-12)

1. **Humility** is a magnet for the favor of God and the resources of His Kingdom

(**Isa 66:2**) But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit,

(**2Ch 16:9**) For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

(**Jas 4:6**) God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

(**Mt 23:12**) And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

stressful to promote/defend ourselves - freedom & happiness in leaving it to God

2. God Comforts those who partner with Him **Mourning** sin

probably sin, Paul - others sin (1 Cor 5:2, 2 Cor 12:21), led to intercession (Gal 4:19)

(**Ga 6:1-2**) <sup>1</sup>Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

happier with intercessor heart than ambivalent or accusatory one (His comfort/partner)

3. God entrusts the **Gentle** with what is precious to Him because they have His heart

(**Mt 11:29**) Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

happier at rest from learning His gentleness (confrontation & Jam 3:17)

4. God satisfies those who desire **Righteousness**

(**Mt 6:33**) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

happier prioritizing righteousness over provision - Trust

motivation: fear (punished), obligation, reward, happier (better)