

Treasure Hunt

- What are people mourning for in Isa 61: 2-3?
- Which “land” will the meek inherit?
- What are the characteristics of the meek person?
- What are the three kinds of righteousness in the Bible?
- What should our attitude be toward earned righteousness?
- For which kind of righteousness did David and Isaiah “hunger and thirst”?

The Structure of the Sermon

Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
Our Mission	5:13-16	
Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
Toward Man	5:20-48	7:1-12a
Toward God	6:1-18	6:19-34

How Many Beatitudes?

3 Blessed <i>are</i> the poor in spirit:	for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed <i>are</i> they that mourn:	for they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed <i>are</i> the meek:	for they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed <i>are</i> they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:	for they shall be filled.
7 Blessed <i>are</i> the merciful:	for they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed <i>are</i> the pure in heart:	for they shall see God.
9 Blessed <i>are</i> the peacemakers:	for they shall be called the children of God.
10 Blessed <i>are</i> they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:	for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 Blessed are ye , when <i>men</i> shall revile you, and persecute <i>you</i> , and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad:	for great <i>is</i> your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you .

5:4 “mourn”...for what?

Everything?

Rev 7:17; 21:4 God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Recall Isaiah’s emphasis:

61: 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to **comfort** all that **mourn**; 3 To appoint unto them that **mourn** in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for **mourning**, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; ... 4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

Jeremiah’s example:

Lam 1:1 How doth the city sit solitary, *that was* full of people! *how* is she become as a widow! she *that was* great among the nations, *and* princess among the provinces, *how* is she become tributary!

5:5 The Meek ... Inherit the Land

What “land” is promised?

In Isaiah 61:

61:1 the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the **meek**; 7 therefore in their land they shall possess the double (**LXX Thus shall they inherit the earth**):

Deuteronomy: “**inherit the earth/land**” = “possess the land of Canaan” (19x)

Deu 1:8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and **possess the land** which the LORD swore unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

Deu 3:28 But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to **inherit the land** which thou shalt see.

Deu 6:18 And thou shalt do *that which is* right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and **possess the good land** which the LORD swore unto thy fathers,

What does it mean to be meek?

11 But the **meek** shall **inherit the earth**; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 **Trust in the LORD**, and **do good**; so shalt thou **dwell in the land**, and verily thou shalt be fed.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that **wait upon the LORD**, they shall **inherit the earth**.

22 For **such as be blessed of him** shall **inherit the earth**; and *they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.*

29 **The righteous** shall **inherit the land**, and dwell therein for ever.

34 **Wait on the LORD**, and **keep his way**, and **he shall exalt thee to inherit the land**: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*.

Three Kinds of Righteousness

Earned righteousness

Deu 32:4 *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just [“righteous” צַדִּיק] and right is he.*

Neh 9:8 *hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous:*

Rom 6:16 *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto **righteousness**?*

Imputed righteousness

Rom 3:21 *But now the **righteousness** of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the **righteousness** of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*

Gen 15:6 *And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for **righteousness**.*

Vindictive righteousness

Isa 51:4 *Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.*

5 **My righteousness** is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner:

but my salvation shall be for ever, and **my righteousness** shall not be abolished.

7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. 8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool:

but **my righteousness** shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

Psa 98:1 *O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. 2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his **righteousness** hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.*

Desiring Earned Righteousness

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Hungering and Thirsting for Righteousness

Psalms 42-43	Isaiah 54-55
	<p>Isa 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.</p>
<p>Psa 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?</p>	<p>Isa 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Wherefore do ye spend money for <i>that which</i> is not bread? and your labour for <i>that which</i> satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye <i>that which</i> is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.</p>
<p>Psa 43:1 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.</p>	