“Blessed Are the Merciful”

What would the King of all creation – the King of kings – have to say to humanity if he were to visit this planet? We don’t have to guess. We have the words of the King preserved for us in the book we call the Bible. The King did give us his words. Jesus Christ sat on a lonely hillside in Israel and spoke to anyone who had a mind to listen. We now have “The Sermon on the Mount.”

The Sermon on the Mount begins with eight beatitudes, or, blessed sayings. These beatitudes are comprised of truths that convey the reality of the blessings that are meant to be reflected in the lives of all who belong to the King.

The first four “blessed sayings” point to need. There is the blessed need of poverty of spirit so we can bow to the Savior. That is followed by mourning over sin which will lead to forgiveness. Then there is meekness that will allow all who bow to inherit the earth. The fourth need is to hunger and thirst for righteousness that opens the door for God to fill us with HIS righteousness. These four beatitudes of need will lead all believers to be able to reflect the power of the King in their everyday lives. Here is the fifth Beatitude: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

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