

# The *Beatitudes* Messiah's *Comforting Words* of Blessing

Jesus was going throughout *all* Galilee,  
*teaching* in their **synagogues** and proclaiming the **gospel** of the **kingdom**,  
and healing every kind of **disease** and *every* kind of **sickness** among the **people**.

The **news** about **Him** **spread** throughout all **Syria**;  
and they **brought to Him all** who were ill, those **suffering** with various **diseases**  
and **pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them.**

**Large crowds followed Him** from **Galilee** and *the Decapolis* and  
**Jerusalem** and **Judea** and *from* beyond the **Jordan**.  
(Matthew 4:23-25)

## The *Beatitudes*—Blessed (*happy*) *Sayings* (Matthew 5:1-12)

<sup>1</sup>When **Jesus** saw the **crowds**, **He went up** on the **mountain**;  
and after **He sat down**, His *disciples* came to **Him**.

<sup>2</sup>He opened **His mouth** and *began* to teach them, saying,

<sup>3</sup>**Blessed** are the poor in spirit, for **theirs** is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>**Blessed** are those who mourn, for **they** shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>**Blessed** are the gentle, for **they** shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>**Blessed** are those who **hunger** and **thirst** for righteousness,  
for **they** shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>**Blessed** are the merciful, for **they** shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>**Blessed** are the pure in heart, for **they** shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>**Blessed** are the peacemakers, for **they** shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>**Blessed** are those who have been persecuted for the sake of *righteousness*,  
for **theirs** is the **kingdom of heaven**.

<sup>11</sup>**Blessed** are **you** when *people* **insult you** and **persecute you**,  
and **falsely say all kinds of evil** against you **because of Me**.

<sup>12</sup>**Rejoice** and be **glad**, for your reward in heaven is **great**;  
for in the **same way** they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

## Messiah's Words of Blessing, Reflect the Teaching of the Tanach (O.T.)

→<sup>3</sup>**Blessed** are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The **Spirit** of the **LORD GOD** is *upon me*,  
Because the **LORD** has *anointed me*  
To bring **good news** to the **afflicted**;  
He has **sent me** to *bind up* the brokenhearted, (Isaiah 61:1)

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The **LORD** is **near** to the brokenhearted  
And **saves** those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18)

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For thus says the **high and exalted One**  
**Who lives forever**, whose name is **Holy**,  
"I  *dwell on* a **high and holy place**,  
and **also with** the contrite and lowly of spirit  
In order to **revive** the **spirit** of the **lowly**  
And to **revive** the **heart** of the **contrite**. (Isaiah 57:15)

→<sup>4</sup>**Blessed** are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

He will **swallow up death** for all time,  
and the **Lord GOD** will **wipe tears away** from all faces,  
and He will **remove** the **reproach** of His **people** from **all the earth**;  
For the **LORD** has **spoken**. (Isaiah 25:8)

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And the **ransomed** of the **LORD** will **return**  
and come with **joyful shouting** to **Zion**,  
With **everlasting joy** upon their **heads**.  
They will find **gladness** and **joy**,  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (Isaiah 35:10)

→<sup>5</sup>**Blessed** are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

But the humble will inherit the land  
and will delight themselves in abundant prosperity. (Psalm 37:11)

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"In **that day** you will feel **no shame** because of **all your deeds**  
by which you have **rebelled against Me**;  
For then I will **remove** from **your midst** Your **proud, exulting ones**,  
and **you** will **never again** be **haughty**  
on **My holy mountain**.

<sup>12</sup>"But I will **leave among you**  
a humble and lowly people,  
and they will **take refuge** in the **name of the LORD**.  
(Zephaniah 3:11-12)

→<sup>6</sup> **Blessed** are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

He who *pursues righteousness* and loyalty  
finds *life, righteousness* and *honor*. (Proverbs 21:21)

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He who *walks righteously* and *speaks* with sincerity,  
He who *rejects* unjust gain  
and *shakes* his *hands* so that they *hold no bribe*;  
He who *stops* his *ears* from hearing about *bloodshed*  
and *shuts* his *eyes* from *looking upon evil*;

he will dwell on the *heights*,  
his *refuge* will be the *impregnable rock*;  
his bread will be given him,  
his water will be *sure*. (Isaiah 33:15-16)

→<sup>7</sup> **Blessed** are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Therefore the Lord has *recompensed me* according to my righteousness,  
according to my cleanness in His eyes.

“With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful;  
with a *blameless* man You will show Yourself *blameless*;(II Samuel 22:25-26)

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He has shown you, O man, what *is good*;  
and what does the LORD *require* of you  
But to *do justly*,  
To love mercy,  
and to walk *humbly* with your God? (Micah 6:8)

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→<sup>8</sup> **Blessed** are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Who may ascend into the *hill of the LORD*?  
and who may stand in His *holy place*?

He who has *clean hands* and a pure heart,  
Who has *not* lifted up his *soul* to *falsehood*  
and has *not sworn deceitfully*. (Psalm 24:3-4)

→<sup>9</sup> **Blessed** are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

For a *child* will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
and the *government* will rest on His *shoulders*;

and His name will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,**  
**Eternal Father, Prince of Peace**.

There will be **no end** to the increase of *His government* or of peace,  
on the **throne of David** and over his **kingdom**,.. (Isaiah 9:6-7a)

How **lovely** on the mountains  
are the **feet of him** who brings **good news**,  
**Who** announces **peace**  
and brings **good news** of happiness,

**Who** announces **salvation**,  
And says to **Zion**, "**Your God reigns!**" (Isaiah 52:7)

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→<sup>10</sup> **Blessed** are those who have been **persecuted**  
for the sake of **righteousness**,  
for **theirs** is the **kingdom of heaven**.

→<sup>11</sup> **Blessed** are **you** when *people* **insult you** and **persecute you**,  
and **falsely say all kinds of evil** against you **because of Me**.

<sup>12</sup> **Rejoice** and **be glad**, for your **reward in heaven** is great;  
for in the **same way** they **persecuted the prophets**  
who were **before you**."

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**Do not fret** because of **evildoers**,  
**Be not envious** toward **wrongdoers**.

For they will **wither** quickly like the **grass**  
and **fade** like the **green herb**...

But the **humble** will **inherit the land**  
and will delight themselves in **abundant prosperity**.

The **wicked plots** against the **righteous**  
and **gnashes** at him with his teeth.  
The **Lord laughs** at him,  
for **He sees his day** is coming...

**The LORD** knows the **days** of the **blameless**,  
and their **inheritance** will **be forever**. (Psalm 37:1-2, 11-13, 18)

## **Messiah's Exhortation**

<sup>13</sup> "**You** are the **salt** of the **earth**; but if the **salt** has become **tasteless**,  
**how** can it be made **salty again**? It is **no longer good for anything**,  
except to be **thrown out** and **trampled under foot** by men.

<sup>14</sup> "**You** are the **light** of the **world**. A **city** set on a **hill cannot** be **hidden**;  
<sup>15</sup> nor does *anyone* **light a lamp** and put it **under a basket**,  
but on the **lampstand**, and it **gives light** to **all** who are in the **house**.

<sup>16</sup> Let **your light shine** before **men** in such a way  
that they may **see your good works**,  
and **glorify your Father** who is in **heaven**. (Matthew 5:13-16)