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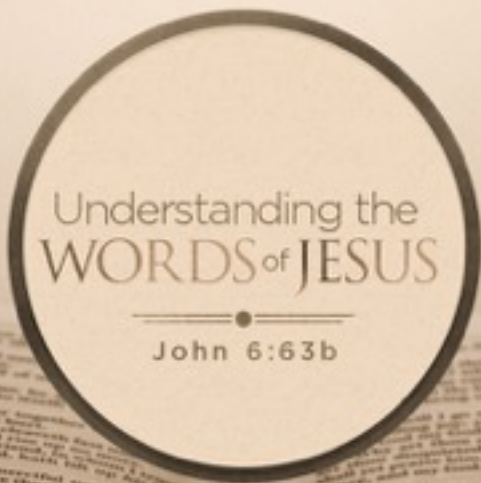
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PSALM 45
1 My heart is longing for a good warrior. I upon the tower in the fort of a ready warrior.
2 There are many more than the children of men in power upon the tower.
3 I will lift up my sword upon the might, O sword of truth and the majesty.
4 And for thy majesty shall righteousness and truth and meekness and righteousness.
5 Thy meekness shall be ready to the king's scepter, whereby the people shall be saved.
6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever, therefore righteousness and justice.
7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest ungodliness, out of the ivory palaces, whereby King's glad.
8 King's daughters were among the gold of Ephraim.
9 Hearken, O daughters, and give ear to the voice of the Lord.

Ring 4

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” Matthew 5:6



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This fourth *beatitude* is really a turning point in the series. The first three have been about our need for Elohim, about our desperate position in life.

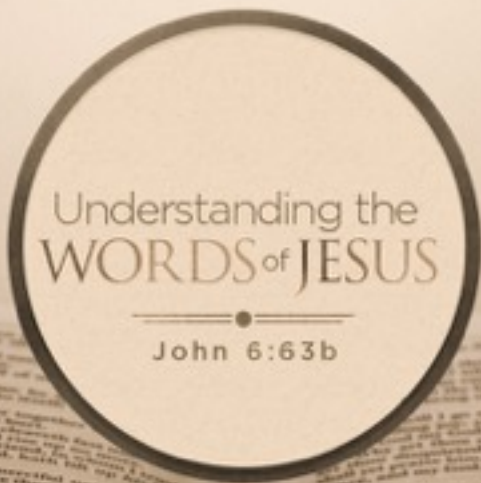
1. Blessed are the poor in spirit—

being “poor in spirit” means I know that before Yahweh, I do not have what it takes and realize I’m a poor beggar who needs Yahweh every day.



2. *Blessed are those who mourn—*

why would I mourn? Because I see that my sins are many. I must mourn over my sins, why? because they've been costly to me and to others, and most of all, they were unspeakably costly to Yahshua Messiah;



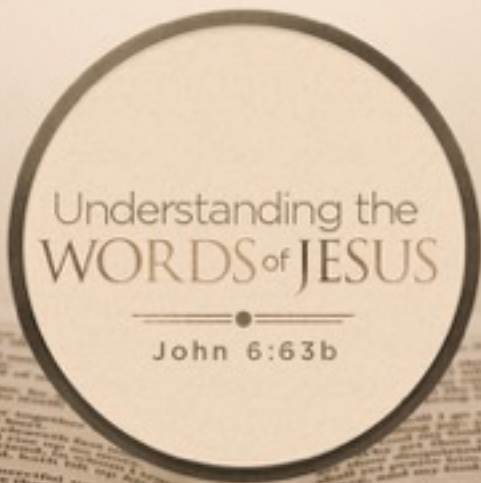
3. *Blessed are the meek—*

I grow in meekness because I see that Elohim has not treated me as my sins deserve. He has treated me with grace and kindness. As I continue getting used to the hand and staying in the yoke with Yahshua Messiah and allowing meekness to be developed in my life.



The first three beatitudes are about seeing your own position before Elohim. This fourth beatitude moves us forward. It speaks about the *desire* that arises out of the work of the Holy Spirit in the first three beatitudes.

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Hunger is more than a vague interest, it is an intense desire. A person who is really hungry will do almost anything to get food. His life depends on it.

Hunger is the strongest of motives. It produces energy and it drives decisive action. It's powerful.

Isaiah 55:1-3

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 that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

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...their strength in the time of trouble.
...And the Lord shall help them, and de
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...them, because they trust in hi*

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.

Jeremiah 2:1-6

1 Moreover the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith Yahweh; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was not sown.*

**3 Israel was holiness unto Yahweh,
and the firstfruits of his increase: all
that devour him shall offend; evil
shall come upon them, saith
Yahweh.**

**4 Hear ye the word of Yahweh, O
house of Jacob, and all the families
of the house of Israel:**

5 Thus saith Yahweh, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

6 Neither said they, Where *is* Yahweh that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

8 The priests said not, Where *is* Yahweh? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that* do not profit.

9 Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith Yahweh, and with your children's children will I plead.

10 For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

**11 Hath a nation changed *their*
mighty ones, which *are* yet no
mighty ones? but my people have
changed their glory for *that which*
doth not profit.**

12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith Yahweh.

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

This intense desire, this hunger and thirst for Elohim, and this passion to pursue His righteousness is a hallmark of a true believer. Listen to how David put it:



A Relentless Pursuit

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PSALM 42
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Psalms 42:1-3

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O Elohim.

2 My soul thirsteth for Elohim, for the living El: when shall I come and appear before Elohim?

**3 My tears have been my meat day
and night, while they continually say
unto me, Where *is* thy Elohim?**

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Think of the apostle Paul writing in the New Testament. What is so striking to me is that he is writing towards the end of his life, after years of service in ministry:



Philippians 3

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