



# Matthew 5:8b

## *A Heart for God*

Series: **The Beatitudes**



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### Imagine...God came and talked with you today

- Finds you alone...all else fades—offers this a deal
- Offers you **Guidance**....what He has for you
- Offers you **Protection**...from enemies
- Offers you **Blessing** ...abundance

### Would you take such an offer?

- In one sense, could use such a list as one of the foolish things about rejecting God....is foolish
- Yet, not where going – some know, used before

### I know someone who had exactly this offer - honestly

- He turned it down...can you believe it?
- Well, actually – was one more part to offer...
- Offer came – **without God's presence**
  - Moses...Ex 33 – **won't go with you**
- Look at that passage more in a moment

## I. First - Background

### 1. Turn in Bibles to Matt 5 –Series on Beatitudes

- a. Have been out of it for two weeks
- b. Want to pull you back in, refresh, remind

## 2. Jesus – beginning His ministry

- a. Sermon on the Mount – declaration of purpose
- b. Telling us what came to accomplish – in people

## 3. Key section – Beatitudes – Jesus work in the hearts

- a. Rest of Sermon on mount works it out
- b. Not just what “don’t do” – but heart
- c. Not just what “you do” – but heart

## 4. As look at these 8 Beatitudes – composite whole

- a. Not just 8 random statements – pick and choose
- b. But there is a flow...process...a building
- c. As you learn–will see God’s work– always through

### 1. Poor in Spirit 🖥️ –Begins with our need for Him-total

- a. Discovering our complete inadequacy

### 2. Mourning 🖥️ – conviction over our sin

### 3. Meekness 🖥️ – surrender, to His will

- a. These 3 – brokenness – God’s tearing down process

### 4. Hunger 🖥️ – for what is right – outside self

- a. Longing for His power...Christ in us, Spirit

### 5. Merciful 🖥️ – God’s heart, compassion...fruit

### 6. Pure in heart 🖥️ – single, undivided heart for God

- a. Longing for Him, His presence – seeing Him
- b. That is where we left off in series
- c. Yet...still here – stuck, not going past today

### 7. Will see – Peacemakers – Persecuted

### 8. Today – want to see Pure in heart again

- a. Not restating all said...get, listen to CD
- b. My aim...is I want you to want this...

## II. Exodus 33

### 1. Notice the offer in v.1-3 🖥️

a. Think about it

### 2. First – note the context

a. Exodus – story of God delivering His people

i) True historically, picture of salvation

b. 4 months into it – been a rough road

i) Tried, tested, rebelled against God, complained

ii) Moses has just finished going up Sinai to get the law...gone 40 days

iii) While gone – people give up, build golden calf

iv) Moses comes down and deals with it

c. In a sense – God is here offering them, what they already sought...blessing without Him

### 3. First response – Mourning – humbling

a. Not having God's presence grieves them

i) Strip ornaments, sign of humbling, grief

b. Find myself liking this....O that it is, would be so

c. See – find self wondering – if many today, who name Christ, already seeking offer of v.1-3

i) All they really want is bless, lead, protect

ii) God – knowing Him, is no real part of their life

d. Could it be true with you today?

i) If so – my aim today, stir you up

### 4. Second response – separation

a. Kind of a sad picture. Looked at 3 wks ago

b. Moses sets tabernacle outside camp

c. Those who want God – will come out

- d. Many...most content to watch, worship in tent
- e. Not rejecting God...but not seeking Him either
- f. Have a sense that it is so today
  - i) Which are you?

## **5. Third response – intercession**

### **a. Note the basis of the intercession**

- i) God knows and grace
- ii) True then of Moses
- iii) True now of us

A. Do you know it?

B. Right that it be what you base your prayer on

### **b. If grace–show me thy way–follow you, be with You**

- i) Cry through whole Bible – walk with God

### **c. That – purpose – may know You**

- i) Notice – not know about you – but know you
- ii) Different – know about food, know food

A. Know about president, know president

### **d. God answers – responds – agrees**

- i) In a sense – Moses says, not presence, no blessing...love it...want it, seek it

### **e. Stop here...cry out for intercession**

- i) This is the great need today
- ii) Some of you are....few
- iii) Some of you play with it, in and out
- iv) Need it – real success is only here

# III. For Moses – more

## **1. Notice – cries out – show me Your glory**

- a. Moses wants more...wonderful, amazing
- b. With all that Moses has known
- c. With all that Moses just got
- d. He wants more...heart of scripture
  - i) Nothing else satisfies
  - ii) It was for this that you were created

## **2. Cannot see full...it would kill you...but can more**

## **3. Stand on the rock- stand on Christ**

- a. Then hide in rock – hidden in Christ
- b. Wonderful picture – true
- c. Paul calls it the excellence of knowledge of Christ

## **4. Come up...be ready**

- a. It is an upward call...Paul pressing after

## **5. Come up alone**

- a. Always alone, always personal...must be
- b. Can bless you with my prayers, but can't bring you into God's presence...nor you me

## **6. Moses sees**

- a. Hears, sees, understands more of God
- b. Rich passage, for Moses is real – knowing God
- c. Simply want you to see – this is real
- d. This is experiential knowledge of God

## **7. Moses worships**

## **8. Further prays for his people**

## **9. Time would fail – does fail to tell you of all**

a. David...Paul

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## Conclusion

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### Would you take the offer?

- Guidance, protection, blessing w/o God?

### Are you taking it already...in practice

- Here today, and in all that concerns God
- You time, seeking, prayers – all about blessings
- But God – seeing Him, knowing Him – no part
- If so – you are missing out – best, purpose more

### Do you want this...I do

- Not again, is the 6<sup>th</sup> beatitude – can't have w/o others
- Poor, mourning, Meek – broken, surrendered
- Hunger – for Him to do in You
- Merciful – His heart in you
- Pure...His...with Him...all the time – holy

### Maybe here today, unsaved – new news

- Know need help...but did you know need Him
- Created for relationship – sin cut off
- Not satisfied, till satisfied in Him
- To love Him, with all heart.....