# Matthew 5:4-9 KJV 11/20/2015

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Brief: Blessed in this context means to be honored. Jesus began teaching crowds beginning with the word blessed; stating that people are honorable when certain conditions apply to them. He then begins elaborating on what makes people honorable. He started with categories, all of which one man or woman can fit into.

**Matthew 5:4**

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.

* To mourn is to express deep regret for something that happened, happens, or is happening. God wants to inform us that through our sadness, sickness, and concerns we will be encouraged. He understands our pain, and he knows that our thoughts are not always like His. How many times have you seen things being done out of order and wanted to fix them, but it was out of your control? Sometimes, we mourn because things happen while we’re unaware, and we feel like it should have happened a certain way. Know that God has seen everything take place before it happened. He wants to comfort you in your distress, so that you can be free from great sadness.

**Matthew 5:5**

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

* To be meek is to show patience and humility. Patience is the bearing of pain, difficulty, provocation, or annoyance. Humility is to be humbled, and show submissive respect. With this understanding of the terms, Jesus states that people who exemplify these qualities “shall inherit the earth.
	+ As men, we can find ourselves tempted by a plethora of situations happening toward and around us. The same is for women, with the additional “man’s way” that gets on their nerves ;-). Altogether, we know that the pain that comes from provocation can entice us to lash out at God’s creation because we feel entitled. But, how many people know that everything belongs to God?

Jesus goes on to say:

**Matthew 5:6**

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

* I know, I know, you may think God is talking about that peanut butter and jelly sandwich, but that ain’t righteousness! That’s just some peanut buttery delight! Getting back to the point: Jesus goes on to inform us that when we are eager to do the things after God’s heart, you will be filled with the heart and the love of God. How many of us know that the body gets hungry and thirsty when it’s missing the substance it needs to be 100% efficient and effective? When we have a heart after God’s heart, we know that nothing can fill us but the Spirit of God! Not that butter toast! Not helping out the homeless! Nothing can fill you with what you need except the Spirit of God. Your hunger for God’s righteousness is what keeps you filled in His presence.
	+ We also have to know that the righteousness that is spoken of is not self-righteousness. I know there is a lot of “monkey see, monkey do” people in this world, and they find reasons to hate for no reason at all. We want to step out of that mentality of priding ourselves over people when God may have blessed you with something different than they have. Just because someone is in front of you doesn’t mean that they are in your way! That eagerness to cater to self-righteousness can have us become some of the rudest individuals we’ve ever seen. (Oh yeah; in the mirror.)

**Matthew 5:7**

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

* To be merciful means to be full of mercy, which is to be filled with compassion to elicit compassionate treatment. It literally means that we must be in a disposition to be kind and forgiving at all times. (Did you snap at someone because they clapped at you?) Hmmm. I ain’t pointing my pink finger, but I’ve done it before. And I’ve allowed conviction because God gives more mercy than I can imagine. He wants us to be as close with Him as possible; therefore, forgiving one another is a must. Things will get better.

**Matthew 5:8**

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

* Pure, in this context, means to be free from contaminated actions, thoughts, and motives.
	+ Here are three areas where we must train, daily. We have grown up to experience somethings that we know are not godly, and have used those experiences to shape our worldview. Those things have been embedded in each person’s way of life. Guess what! So has that Godly morality. As we grow in the knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and God, our Father, we find ourselves becoming wiser. We stop engaging in so many things that use to vex our spirits, and started sorting out our problems and eliminating them, in the name of Jesus. See, when we’ve got Jesus, that boulder that we once saw becomes a pebble; and that pebble becomes a grain of sand. With this insight, we can move into the next verse.

**Matthew 5:9**

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

* As we continue to grow as men and women of God, we will find ourselves resonating love in situations where hate is spiraling out of control. We delve into dangerous situations just to spread the love of God! We watch music videos… just to boogie! (Just kidding) But we begin loving people so much that we want them to experience the same love. So, we share the Gospel of our God to draw people into His fold. God wants us to be in unity, again. Let us not bicker over things that are small, but let us go to God together, in prayer.

Before we leave, our job is to give that love that is beyond all understanding to the world. But we have to know that without God, we can’t have that love because He is that Love.

Prayer: Our Father, whom art in Heaven; great is Your name! O, honored Father, we come thanking you for Your amazing word that fills us, and defogs our vision. We thank you for your presence. We can’t thank you enough! We ask that You continue to guide us in the way You have us to go. Prepare our steps that we don’t lose our way, and keep us from the way of iniquity. Your power is great! Your wisdom is awesome! Your way is holy, God. We pray that we follow you for the rest of our lives; in Jesus name, we pray. Amen!