



CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

Isaiah 55:8-9



**Jesus' Sermon on the Mount
stood in stark contrast to
the religious leaders
of the day**



**They were externally focused
(behave/act right) ...
but Jesus was internally focused**

Matthew 6:19-21



**A challenge for EACH of us –
to get really serious about our
devotion to Almighty God**





**SIMPLY
THE
BLESSED**

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus' teaching flips the script



**God's vision of what a
blessed life might look like
is perhaps a little different
than ours**



**THE BLESSED
LIFE EVER**



**The Book of Matthew is
written to a Jewish audience**

Matthew 4:17



**Jesus was clearly proclaiming
the King had officially arrived!**

Matthew 4:23-25



**Word was spreading
all throughout Syria and
large crowds were starting
to flock around Jesus
(what would He do next)**



Matthew 5:1-2

“He sat down” – this was the customary way for a Rabbi (or Teacher) to instruct



Matthew 7:28-29

What Jesus was teaching was radical, it was freely offered to those who have normally been looked down upon



Matthew 9:10-13

**It's best to see Jesus' teaching
delivered in TWO circles:**



Outer Circle
The Massive Crowds
(The Fringe)

Inner Circle
Jesus' Disciples
(The Followers)



Luke 9:57-62

**Following Jesus
WASN'T and ISN'T
always Easy!!!**



**Receiving MORE Christ
comes with MORE opposition
from the world**



**DON'T miss the glorious beauty
that is available through
persecution**

John 15:18-27



**The way we respond to what
we face is a bold testimony
and it is observed by the
ever-watching world**



**What Jesus is teaching in
the beatitudes is something
which He lived perfectly**



At NO point does God ask us for something that He's NOT first mastered and that He WON'T change us to become!



SO WHAT?

