

The Beatitudes

- Focus primarily on us as individuals before God
- Superficially may resemble qualities the world values, like seeking justice (fairness) for all
- The word 'justice' is not in the Beatitudes
- The word 'blessed' just means blessed by God. The Beatitudes show us how we can each be blessed by God

3. Blessed are the meek

We need to come to God meekly...

- Admitting that we are spiritually 'poor'
- Mourning that Christ had to die for our sin
- Humbling ourselves, knowing our true position

Meek is not the same as weak. Both Moses and Christ were meek. Meekness involves being willing to listen and learn and being strong to obey.

4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

- Righteousness is being 'right' with God.
- We can't earn it. It is God's free gift to all who put their trust in what Christ has done.
- We are increasingly changed into the people God wants us to be as the Holy Spirit works in us

