

“Blessed Assurance” Matthew 5:1-12

There is tremendous encouragement from being in union with Jesus Christ and there is great comfort from His love since we’ve entered the grace door of hope on God’s agenda into our unique spiritual life.

The joy of the Lord is our strength to carry us through everything in life and the point of staying in this life after salvation is to come to love God and we really do not even start living until we love God!

Happiness is the enjoyment of and the pleasure in our status, circumstances and relationships in life and there’s a progression of concepts with happiness from bliss which is inner happiness, to intense joy which expresses itself outwardly, to supreme happiness known as blessedness or beatitude which is the ultimate because it’s sharing God’s attitude of unshakable contentment. Sharing God’s happiness is a potential to us because it depends on our spiritual growth through the daily function of Bible study and its application.

When the Lord Jesus returned from the wilderness after the 40 brutal days of testing, He appeared once more on the bank of the Jordan River and there, John pointed Him out as his great Successor, the One of Whom he had often spoken.

The Sermon on the Mount is a most difficult teaching to interpret but it’s easy to apply because it’s not only a crash course but it’s a transitional program which contains teaching for three different dispensations: the Age of Israel, the Church Age and the Millennium.

And the question arises as to what kind of a person is destitute of spiritual assets?

He is all of us when we come into the world and that means that the first of the blessings is the beatitude of salvation.

So, for those who were born destitute of spiritual assets [the entire human race] there is something marvelous for them!

True humility is not an observable action which can be faked; it’s a genuine mental attitude which comes first from an orientation to grace.

There is blessing in every phase of God’s plan and inner happiness is the characteristic for every facet of it.

God’s righteousness can only be fulfilled in us and by us when we have God’s mental attitude in us.

When someone is hungry and eats something, the food gives him a sense of satisfaction, well-being, peace and relaxation and this is exactly what happens when we take in biblical truth.

So, we have here the principle that God’s happiness is demonstrated in us by the expression of His grace and when His grace is our thought pattern, our motivation and our entire mental life, it’s amazing!

There are people who just can’t stand to see others with inner happiness or contented peace at all; they resent them because they don’t have these qualities themselves and they despise those who do.