

Questions for Consideration—With the Master on the Mount—Lesson 1—Matthew 5:1-6—The Beloved,
Blessed Beatitudes (Part 1)

1. (a) What facts do you already know about the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapters 5-7? (b) Read Matthew 5-7 and write down at least 10 things you don't understand from these chapters. (Save this for the last lesson in hopes that you will understand them by then!☺)
2. Please memorize Matthew 5:3, 4, 5, 6, or 7. I would like to highly encourage each one of you to memorize the Sermon the Mount. It flows well and it is a powerful portion of God's Word that will change your life! Try it—you'll like it!
3. (a) The first beatitude mentioned is that those who are poor in spirit are blessed. In what ways does Matthew chapter 23 contrast with this beatitude? (b) Did those mentioned in Matthew 23 enter into the kingdom of heaven?
4. (a) What are the traits of a person who is truly mourning over their sin according to 2 Corinthians 7:10, 11? (b) How would you compare these traits with the modern day "Christian's" attitude towards sin? (c) How do you personally deal with sin in your own life? Do you minimize it, or do you confess it, mourn over it, and forsake it? (d) In what ways can we make sure that we are dealing with our sin in a more biblical way instead of the world's way?
5. (a) How did our Lord exemplify meekness in Philippians 2: 5-8 and 1 Peter 2:21-24? (b) Why is it imperative that we follow our Lord's steps in being meek according to Psalm 25:9; Isaiah 29:19; Zephaniah 2:3; James 1:21 and James 4:6-10?
6. (a) How do Psalm 42:1, 2; Psalm 63:1-5 and Jeremiah 15:16 help you understand the fourth beatitude of hungering and thirsting for righteousness? (b) How are we filled according to Psalm 107:9; John 4:13, 14; John 6:35, 51 and John 7:37, 38?
7. (a) Endeavor this week to go without food and water for at least 4-5 hours. Notice your physical passions of hunger and thirst. After partaking of food and water, how did you feel? (b) How does this physical illustration help you to better understand the spiritual beatitude in Matthew 5:6?
8. (a) Do you think your life is obedient to the instructions in the Sermon on the Mount? (b) What changes do you need to make? Please write a prayer asking the Lord to help you make those changes during this study.