

Treasure Hunt

- What two important things does the Lord Jesus do on mountains?
- Why does he go into mountains to do these things?
- What OT passage does the Lord have in mind in the first three beatitudes?
- Where else did he quote this passage in his early ministry?
- How can we be “poor in spirit”?
- Why are the first and eighth beatitudes in the present tense, but the middle six in the future?

The Structure of the Sermon

Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
Our Mission	5:13-16	
Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
Toward Man	5:20-48	7:1-12a
Toward God	6:1-18	6:19-34

What Happens on Mountains?

Matthew mentions “a mountain” 16x, more than any other book. Two most common activities:

Teaching, 5:1; 8:1 (beginning and end of the Sermon on the Mount); 24:3 (the Olivet Discourse)

Prayer, 14:23; 17:1, 9 (transfiguration); 26:30 (agony in garden)

Compare Moses in Exodus:

Exo 19:3 Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain (prayer)

Exo 20:21 the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was → God gives him “the book of the covenant” (teaching)

Exo 24:9 then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel (prayer)

Exo 24:13 Moses went up into the mount of God → 40 days, instructions for tabernacle, two tables of the law (teaching)

Exo 34:4 he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai → 40 days; the Lord declares his name, describes the Tabernacle worship, and rewrites the law (teaching)

In the Mount or On the Plain?

	Matthew	Luke
Calling of the four	4:18-22	5:1-11
Teach, preach, heal in Galilee	4:23	5:12-6:11
Appointment of the Twelve	(Lacking)	6:12 he went out into a mountain to pray 6:13-16 called the disciples and appointed twelve
Healing for Jews and Gentiles	4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.	6:17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain , and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; 18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.
Intro to sermon	4:25-5:2 multitudes, mountain , taught disciples	6:20 (lacking, lacking), taught disciples

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How Many Beatitudes?

3 Blessed <i>are</i> the poor in spirit:	for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed <i>are</i> they that mourn:	for they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed <i>are</i> the meek:	for they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed <i>are</i> they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:	for they shall be filled.
7 Blessed <i>are</i> the merciful:	for they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed <i>are</i> the pure in heart:	for they shall see God.
9 Blessed <i>are</i> the peacemakers:	for they shall be called the children of God.
10 Blessed <i>are</i> they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:	for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 Blessed are ye , when <i>men</i> shall revile you, and persecute <i>you</i> , and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad:	for great <i>is</i> your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you .

Leading with Isaiah 61

3 Blessed *are* the **poor in spirit**:

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed *are* they that **mourn**:

for they shall be **comforted**.

5 Blessed *are* the **meek**:

for they shall **inherit the earth**.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the **meek**; he hath sent me to bind up the **brokenhearted**, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to **comfort** all that **mourn**; 3 To appoint unto them that **mourn** in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for **mourning**, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; ... 4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. ... 7 For your shame ye *shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore **in their land they shall possess the double (LXX Thus shall they inherit the earth)**: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

The Poor in Spirit

Isa 61:1 the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the **meek**

- Hebrew ענוים “the meek”
- LXX πτωχος “the poor

Isa 66:2 to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is poor* and of a contrite spirit [or: **poor and contrite in spirit**], and trembleth at my word.

Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a **contrite and humble spirit**, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Luke's Focus on Man

Matthew 5	Luke 6
3 Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	20 Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.
6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled.	21 Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled.

James' version: "Hath not God chosen **the poor of this world** [Luke] rich in **faith** [Matthew], and heirs of the **kingdom** [both] which he hath promised to them that love him?" (2:5)

Setting	Mt 4:25-5:2: Lk 6:20	Mt 7:28-8:1
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Our Mission	Mt 5:13-16	
Law & Prophets	Mt 5:17-19	Mt 7:12b
Toward Man	Mt 5:20-48: Lk 6:27-30, 32-36 (no contrast)	Mt 7:1-12a: Lk 6:31, 37-42
Toward God	Mt 6:1-18	Mt 6:19-34