

The Kingdom Fulfilled

For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
 “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also who is of a contrite and humble
 spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble – Isaiah 57:15

[Matthew 5:1-20, Horns of Hattin(?), ~8 miles from Capernaum] Seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain.

When he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
 for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. [Isaiah 57:15; 66:2

Blessed are those who mourn,
 for they shall be comforted. [Isaiah 61:2; 66:10,13]

Blessed are the gentle,
 for they shall inherit the earth. [Psalm 37:11]

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after
 righteousness,
 for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
 for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
 for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
 for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who have been persecuted
 for righteousness' sake,
 for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

“Blessed are you when people reproach you,
 persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against
 you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be

exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in
 heaven; for that is how they persecuted the
 prophets who were
 before you.

*Don't think that I came to destroy
 the law or the prophets. I didn't
 come to destroy, but to fulfill*

“You are the salt of
 the earth, but if the salt
 has lost its flavor, with
 what will it be salted? It

is then good for nothing, but to be cast out and
 trodden under the feet of men. You are the light
 of the world. A city located on a hill can't be
 hidden; neither do you light a lamp, and put it
 under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and
 it shines to all who are in the house. Even so,
 let your light shine before men; that they may
 see your good works, and glorify your Father
 who is in heaven.

“Don't think that I came to destroy the law or
 the prophets. I didn't come to destroy, but to
 fulfill. For most certainly, I tell you, until heaven
 and earth pass away, not even one smallest
 letter or one tiny pen stroke shall in any way
 pass away from the law, until all things are
 accomplished. Whoever, therefore, shall break
 one of these least commandments, and teach
 others to do so, shall be called least in the
 Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever shall do and
 teach them shall be called great in the Kingdom
 of Heaven. For I tell you that unless your
 righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and
 Pharisees, there is no way you will enter into
 the Kingdom of Heaven.

1. The first three Beatitudes are Isaiah/Psalms paraphrases. How would Jews receive them?

2. How do you live up to these Beatitudes? To being salt and light? What can you change?

3. Jesus, crowds followed you because you taught the truth about life; I will apply these...