

# Sunday Sermon 2023

In the Year of the Rabbit







# Divine Principle & Beatitutes a comparison Part 1 of 2

# Introduction Jesus teaching

- Birth
- Boy Jesus in the Temple
- 30,31,32 Teaching
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection



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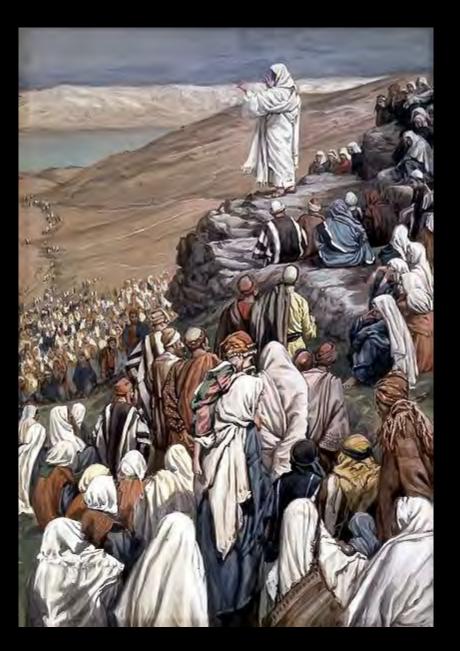
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- Four similar blessings appear in the Sermon on the Plain in Luke and are followed by four woes that mirror the blessings.



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- They echo the <u>highest ideals</u> of the teachings of <u>Jesus on</u> <u>mercy</u>; <u>spirituality and compassion</u>.



Jesus commissioning the Twelve Apostles. Painted 1481



Jeong Hyun Pak

The Meaning of the Eight Beatitudes

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- There's a very easy answer.
   My understanding of our goal is to become beautiful sons and daughters of God and to establish God's Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

- Matthew 5:1-12 is a very famous and meaningful passage -- called the Beatitudes, or the Eight Blessings.
- Jesus promised eight kinds of blessings.

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Thus, we find the real God when we too feel mournful and sad. God's position is not absolutely powerful -- He lost His ideal, His dream, and His children, and has suffered and sacrificed thousands of years for His sons and daughters.

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Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant' and gratefully follow God's heart and plan for us.

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As Proverbs 12:28 says,
"In the path of righteousness is life,
but the way of error leads to death."

Only along the path of goodness do we find immortality.

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Therefore, with our tongue, our hands, and our feet we must be merciful and express true love for others. If we live centred on God and love, we can create a righteous society.

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We need a deep prayer life, we need to shed tears, sweat, and blood, and we need to oust Satan completely from our lives in order to become pure.

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We need peaceful relationships with others and with God, horizontally and vertically.

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We will inevitably suffer in the eyes of the world for the sake of our cause, but we need to create a total environment in which God can live and express Himself.



#### Summary

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#### Source:

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### Sermon on the Plain – Luke 6:20-22 The Four Beatitudes

- \* Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God.
- \* Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.
- \* Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
- \* Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, bacause of the Son of Man.

# Sermon on the Plain – Luke 6:24-26 The Four Woes

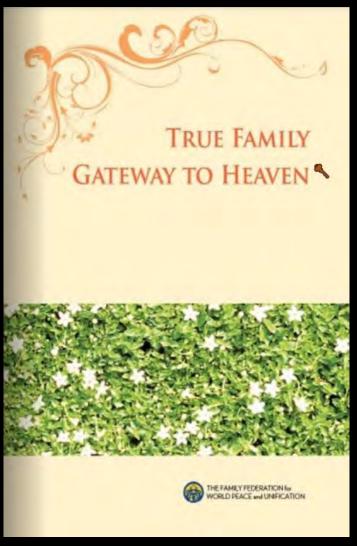
- \* Woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.
- \* Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.
- \* Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.
- \* Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how the ancestors treated the falce prophets.

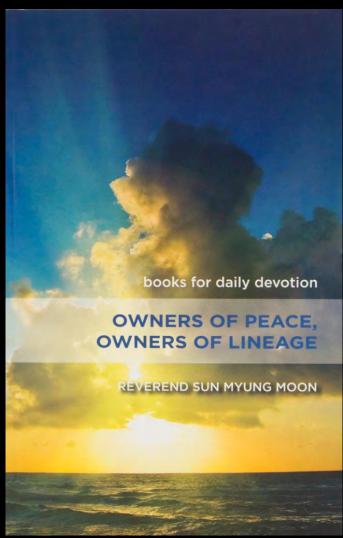




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- Owner of Peace Owner of Lineage 2009

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3 Holy Books



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# End of Sermon Please join me in Prayer!



"Prayer is communication with the Divine. It can be whispered or chanted or written or expressed in the work you do. However it is expressed, it is never in vain."

— Donna Wilk Cardillo



Remember the beauty in Gods nature is there to inspire the most Holy original inside us all!

Have a great Blessed week.

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