Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.









- Poor in spirit = humble, dependent on God rather than self
- Mourn = not bereaved, but despondent over the state of the world
- Meek = don't throw their weight around, give up power
- Hunger and thirst for righteousness = desire God's justice to operate in the world

- Merciful = generous attitude, forgiving, seeing from the others perspective, slow to take offence
- Pure in heart = longing to live the life God requires
- Peacemaker = actively reconcile with enemies, facilitate reconciliation between others
- Persecuted = attacked because of righteousness by those who benefit from the status quo



