

Their Character

1. Blessed - to be fully satisfied - #3107 makarioi
 - a. Joy that comes from salvation - Ps 51:12
 - b. Not a result of favorable circumstances
 - c. Progressive - one step at time
2. Poor in spirit - is the kingdom of heaven
 - a. Poor - #4434 - ptochois - completely destitute
 - b. Penes #3993 - poor but earns daily bread by daily work
 - c. Contrasted ptochois - so poor that he can only obtain his living through begging - has nothing at all
 - d. We are helpless to help ourselves
 - e. Kingdom on earth - present tense - Eph 2:4-10
3. Those who mourn - shall be comforted
 - a. Mourn - inner grief over our sins and the sins of others
 - b. Future comfort - someone who comes to your side - someone who will be our advocate - Mt 10:32
4. Meek - shall inherit the earth
 - a. Meek, lowly
 - b. Someone who sees themselves as they really are - lives in subjection to God and His Word - evidence fruit (how we treat others)
 - c. Inherit earth - future - Rev 20:6, Eph 1:3-23
5. Hunger and thirst after righteousness - shall be satisfied
 - a. Hungering ones - starving
 - b. Constant satisfaction with God's righteousness
 - c. Constant desire to seek after God
 - d. Be satisfied - future - to be filled completely - I Cor 13:8-12
6. Merciful - they will receive mercy
 - a. Someone who feels the heartache of others
 - b. Those who give mercy will be shown mercy
 - i. James 2:12-13
 1. Believers will be judged by Christ (II Cor 5:10)
 2. Judgment will be in proportion with mercy that we have shown others
 - ii. It does matter how we live
7. Pure in heart - shall see God (future)
 - a. Washing of the Word - Eph 5:26
 - b. Purer you become the more clearly you can see God
8. Peacemakers - shall be called sons of God
 - a. Bring peace to others
 - b. Their life demonstrates the peace of God that reigns in their hearts and lives
 - c. If you experience that peace, you can bring that peace to others