

Beatitudes Correlated to Hebrew Scriptures

Matthew		Corresponding Scripture
5.3	Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven .	He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. Ps. 113.7-8
5.4	Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.	[The LORD] heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Ps. 147.3
5.5	Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.	The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. Ps. 37.11
5.6	Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.	Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. Hos. 10.12
5.7	Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.	With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless. 2 Sam. 22.26
5.8	Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.	He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully; He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Ps. 24.4-5
5.9	Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.	Mark the blameless and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace. Ps. 37.37
5.10-12	Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven . Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.	Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God, 'Why do you break the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.'" But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD. Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him, but killed his son. And when he was dying, he said, "May the LORD see and avenge!" 2 Chron. 24.20-22

Parable of the Sower

Mt. 13 (cf. Luke 8)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" ¹¹ And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

'You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.'

¹⁵ For this people's heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.'

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."