

The Blessed Life
The Rewards
Matthew 5:3-12

The Rewards - 3

See God, Sons of God, Kingdom of Heaven

How God Blesses Us



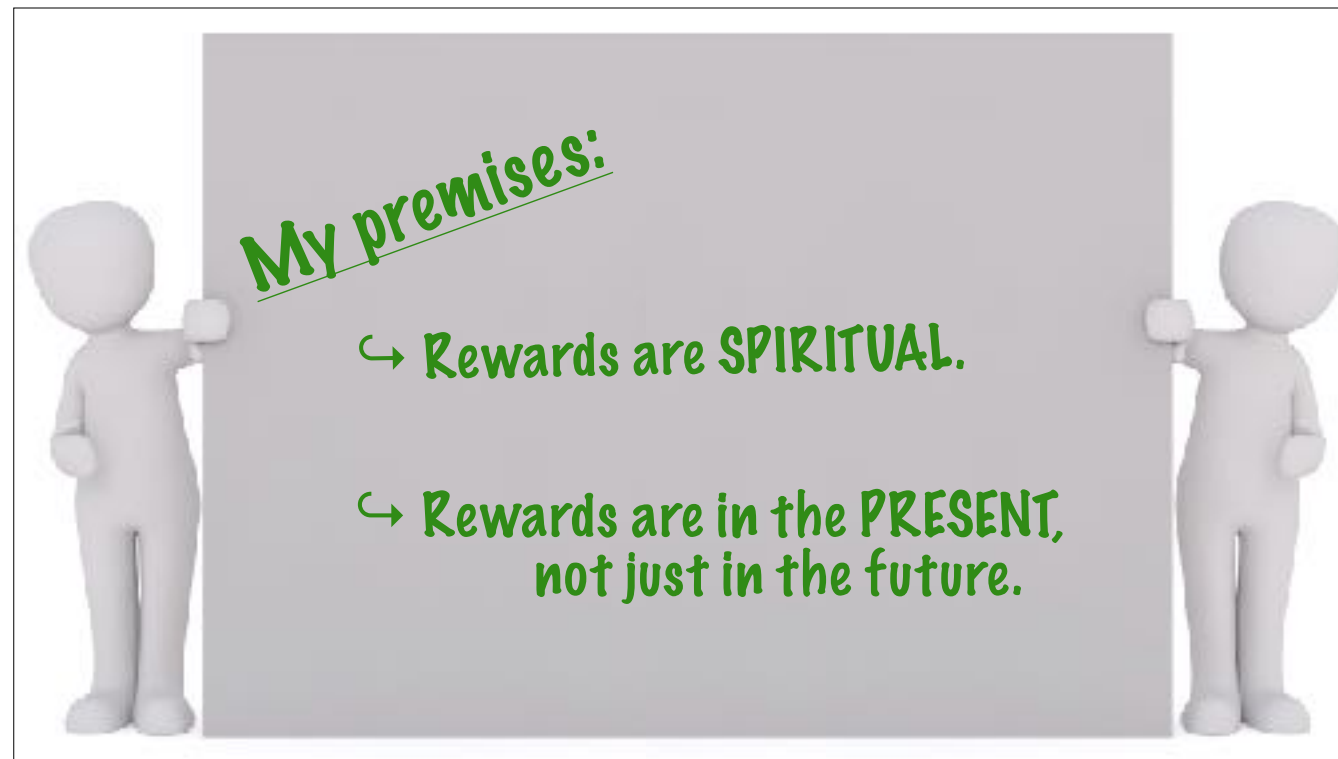
Rejoice and be glad,
for your **reward** is great in heaven

Matthew 5:12

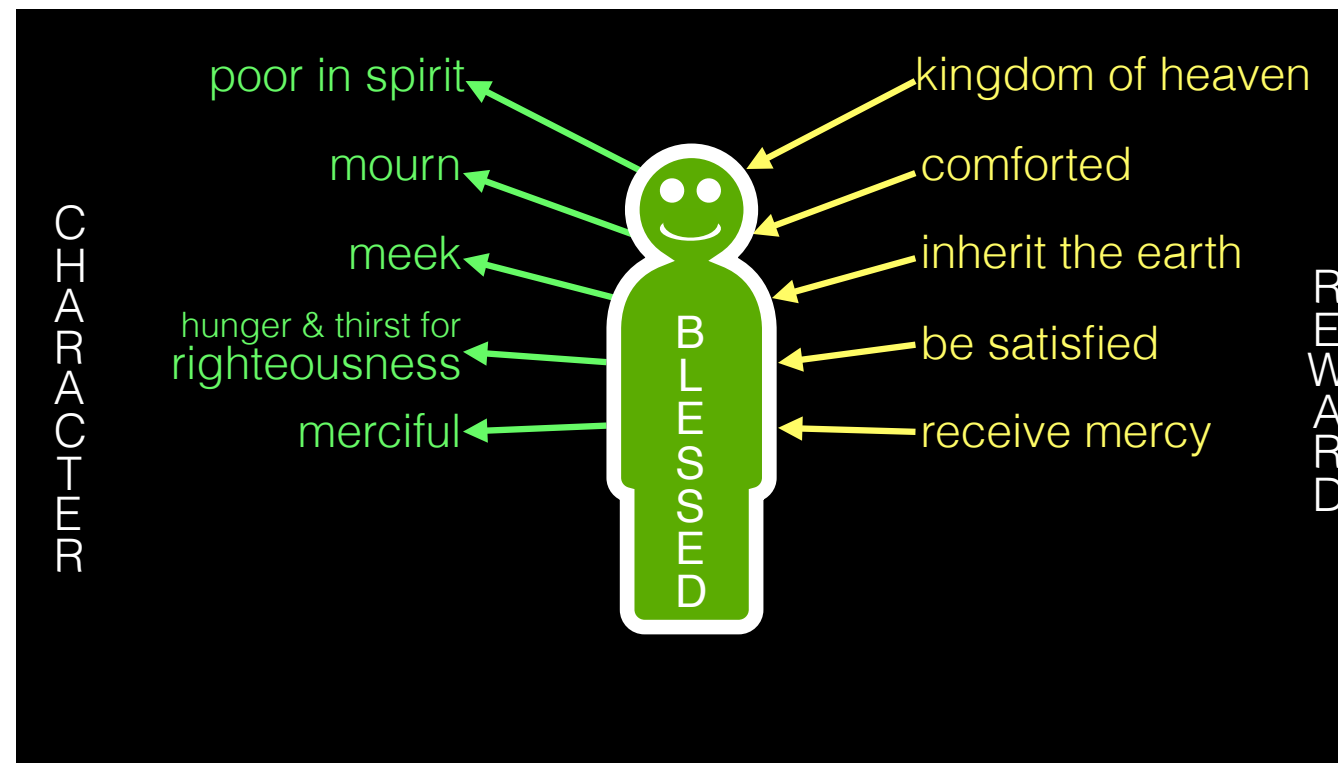
He **rewards** those
who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

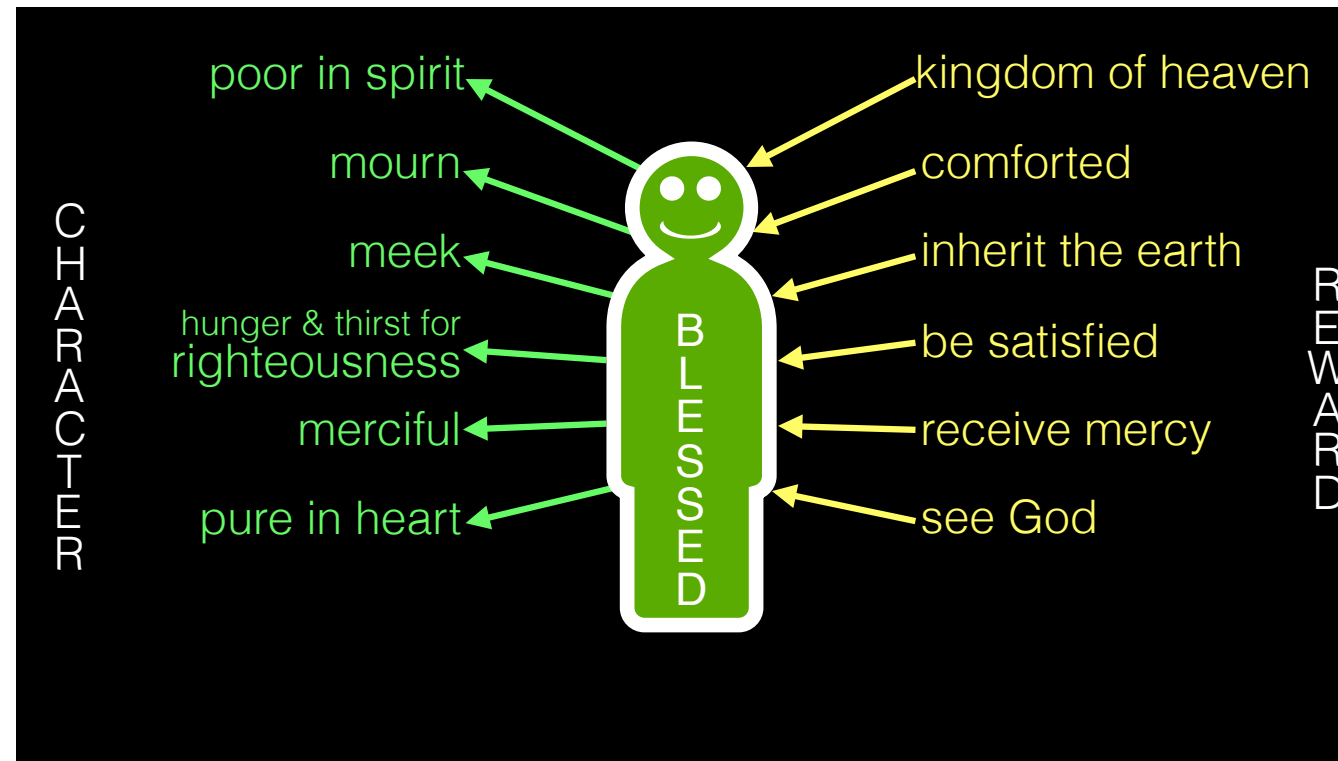
- Hebrews 11:6: And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
- Our faith is not just about the existence of God, but in knowing that He rewards



- The rewards are spiritual in nature, not physical.
- The rewards are not only in the future (heaven), but now.




- Poor in spirit: kingdom of heaven
- Mourn: comforted
- Meek: inherit the earth
- Hunger & Thirst for righteousness: be satisfied
- Merciful: receive mercy



Pure in heart --> See God


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No one has
ever seen God
John 1:18

see God

- John 1:18: No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.
- 1 John 4:12: **No one has ever seen God;** if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.
- 1 Timothy 6:16: who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, **whom no one has ever seen or can see.** To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.



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Not physical. This is a spiritual reward.
Not just in future. Now.

If you are pure in heart... you can see God!



John 3:3-5: Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.



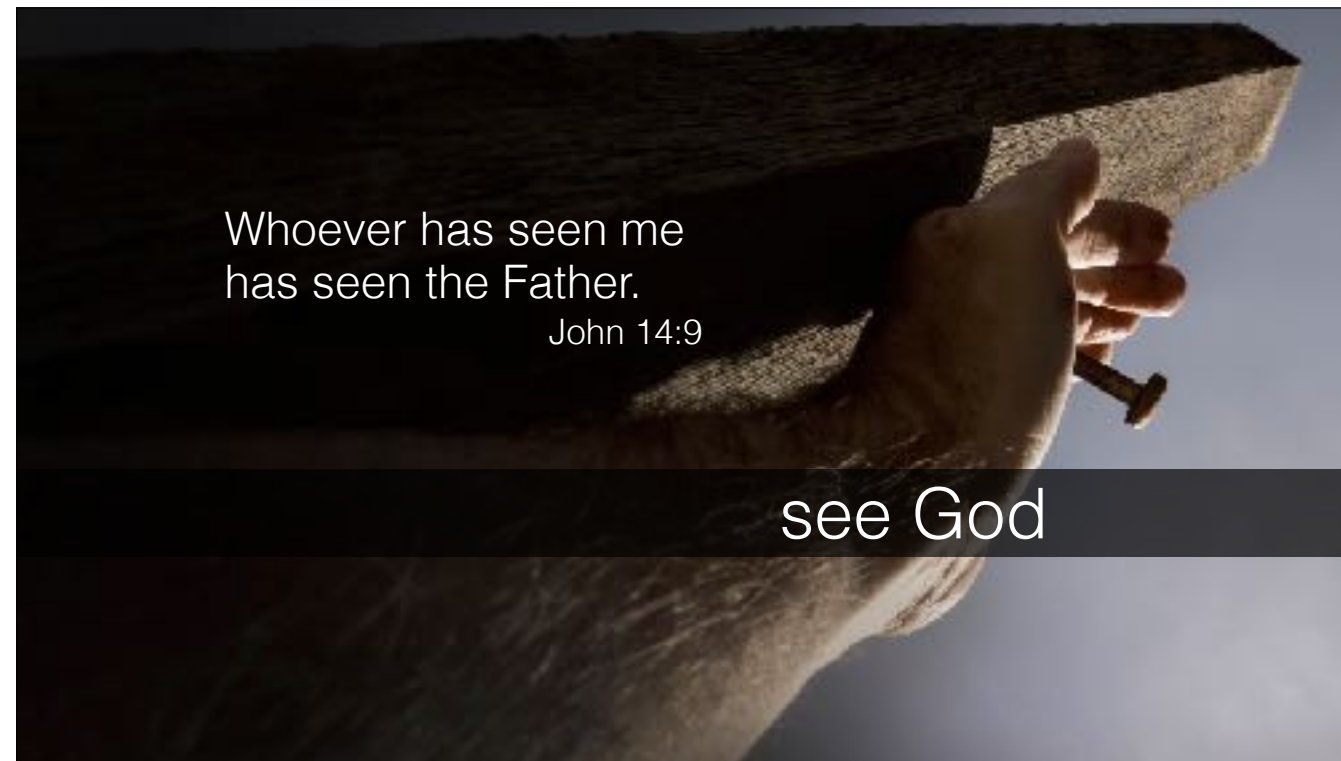
- See — means what here?
 - Clearly, Jesus and Nicodemus are talking about being in the kingdom.
 - Relationship, to be a part of the kingdom
- Later, uses the wind as analogy to the Spirit!



John 14:7-9: If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”



- Certainly Philip has physically seen Jesus — just as certainly he has not PHYSICALLY seen the Father.
 - John makes a strong point about the reality, and importance, of having seen Jesus physically...
 - 1 John 1:1-3: seen with our eyes ... looked upon ... seen it ... made manifest ... we have seen



- Philip has also seen who Jesus is while with him, both nature (man and God) but more importantly seen His Character.
 - Compassion, mercy, love, joy, zeal
- In seeing the character of Jesus, Philip could see the character of the Father
 - “I and the Father are one.” John 10:30

Please show me Your glory.
Exodus 33:18



- Like Moses asking to see the glory of God: “Please show me your glory” (Ex. 33:18)

Please show me Your glory.
Exodus 33:18

I will make MY GOODNESS pass
before you and will proclaim
before you My name JEHOVAH.
Exodus 33:18



- Jehovah: "I will make all my GOODNESS pass before you and will proclaim before you my name Jehovah."

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But my face you cannot see, for
man shall not see Me and live.
Exodus 33:19



- Jehovah: But you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live

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Exodus 33:18

Jehovah, Jehovah, a God
merciful and gracious, slow to
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steadfast love and faithfulness,
keeping steadfast love for
thousands, forgiving iniquity and
transgression and sin, but who
will by no means clear the guilty
Exodus 34:5-7



- Exodus 34:5-7 (ESV) 5 The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

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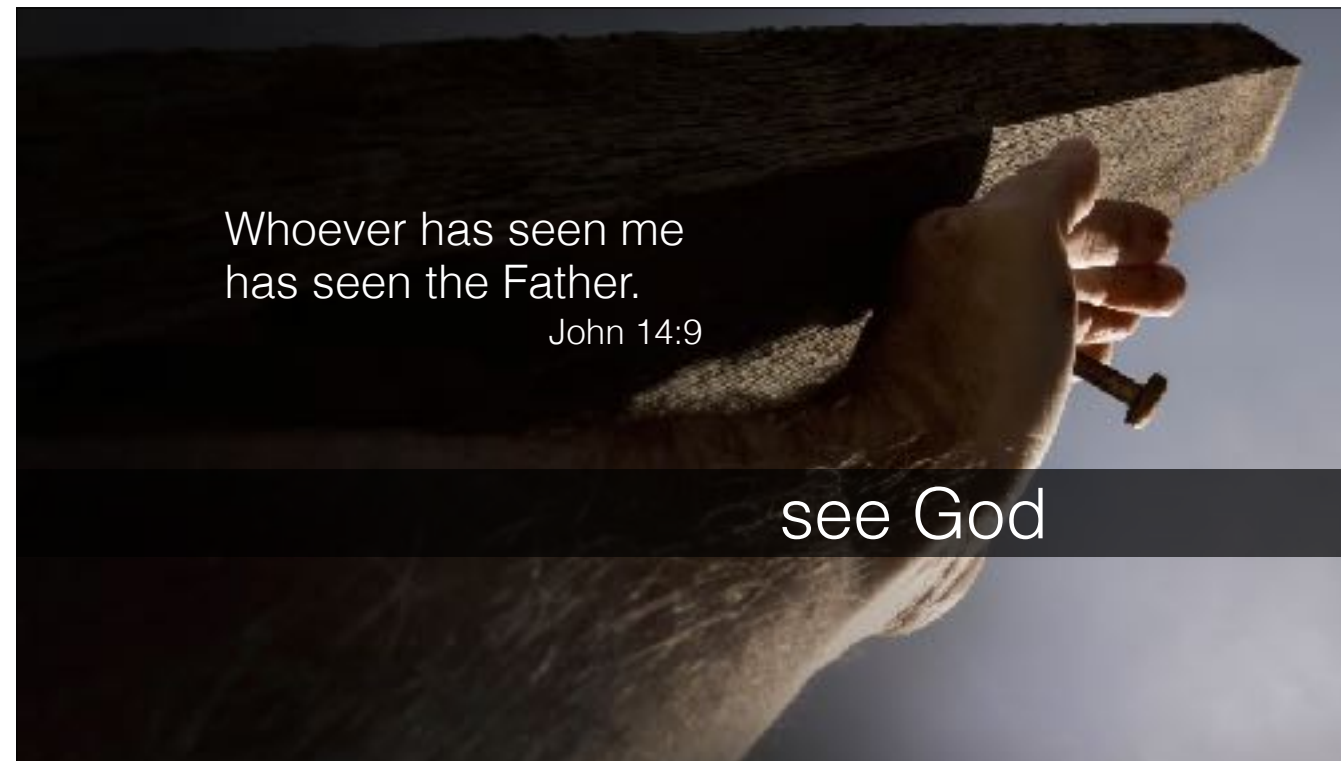
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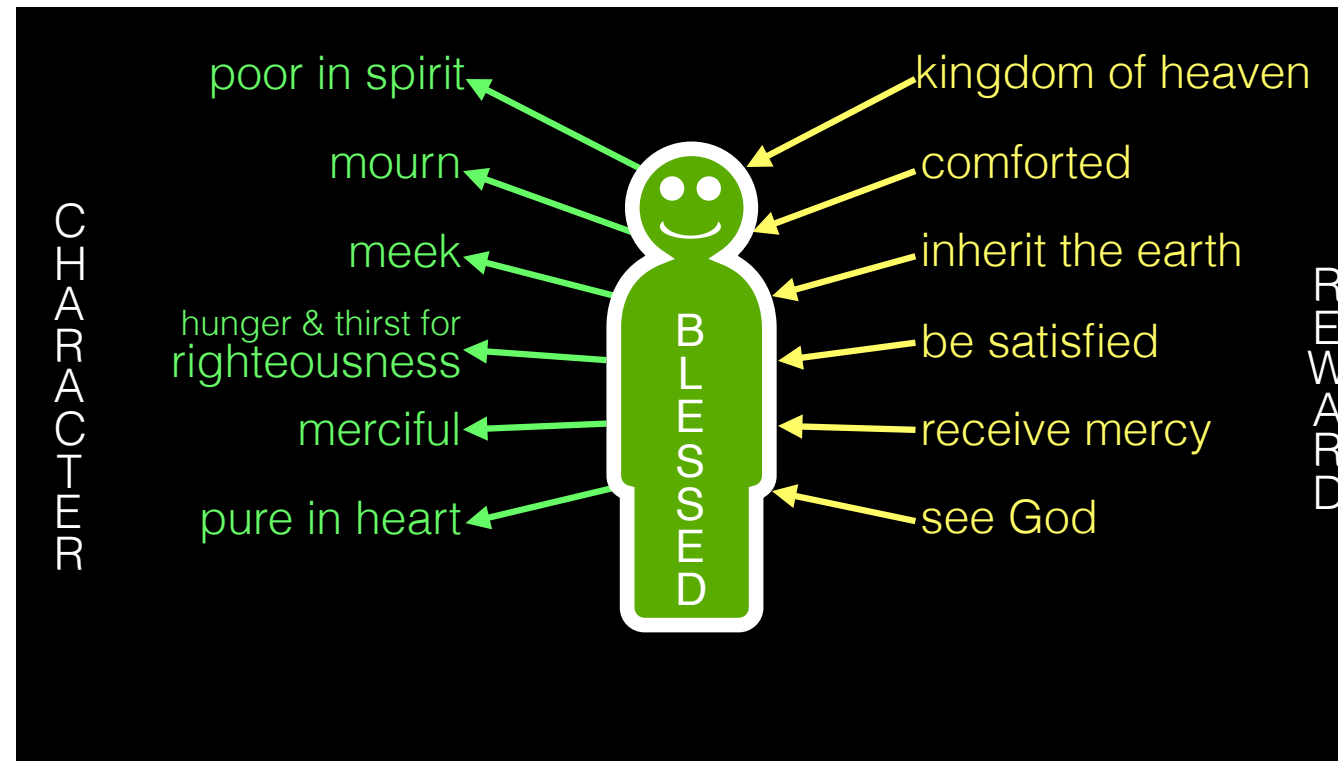
see God



- Exodus 34:8-9 (ESV) 8 And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. 9 And he said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

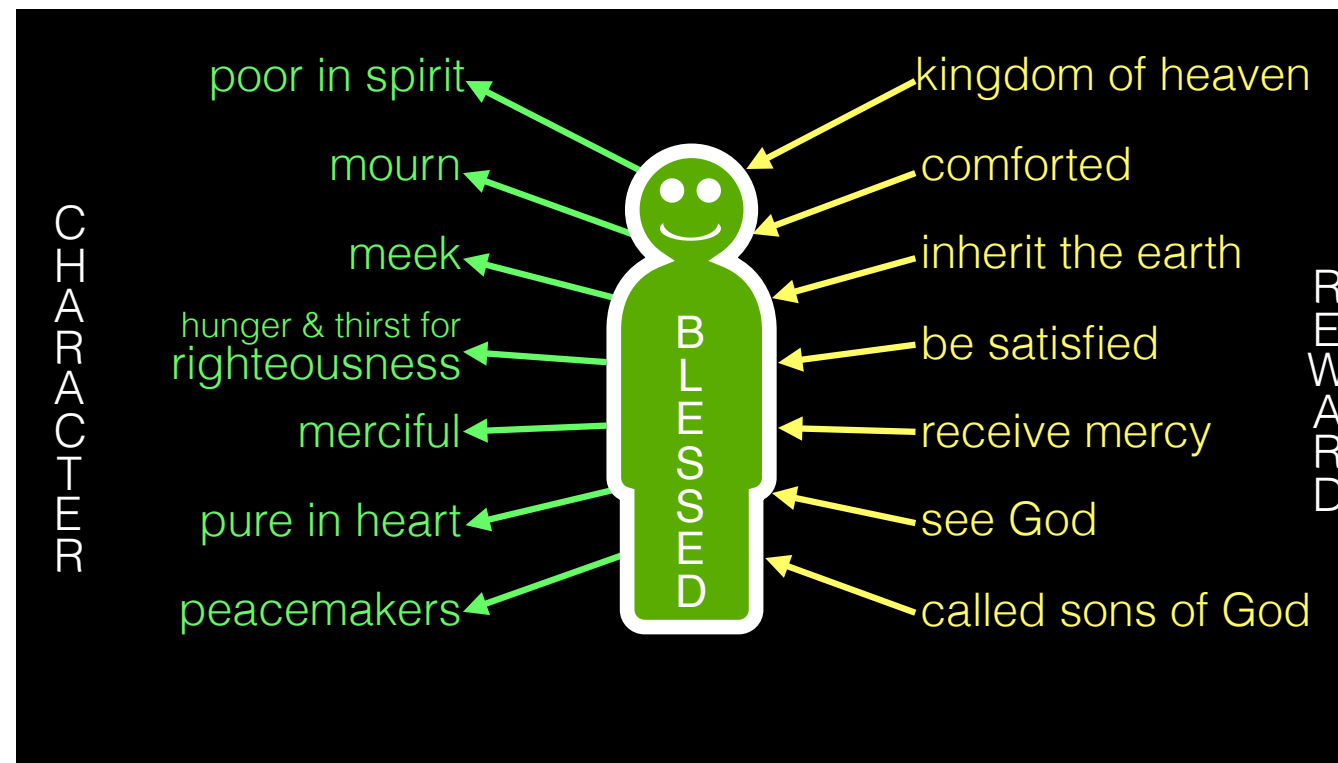


- Philip and Moses
 - Character and Relationship
- not about physically seeing what cannot be physically seen
- comprehend the nature and character of God in ways that those who do not know God will never understand.
- Being in a relationship with God
- See His Majesty and character, want to be a part of that.

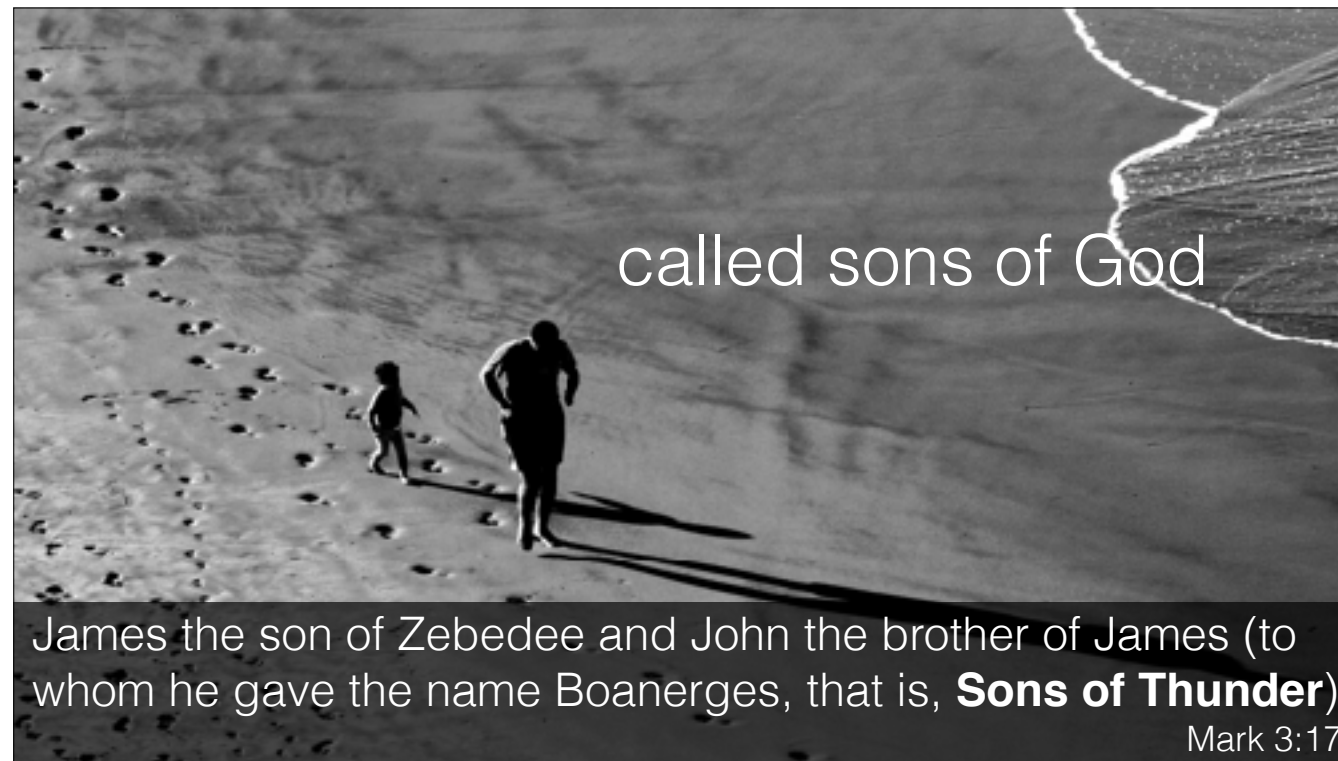


Pure in heart --> See God

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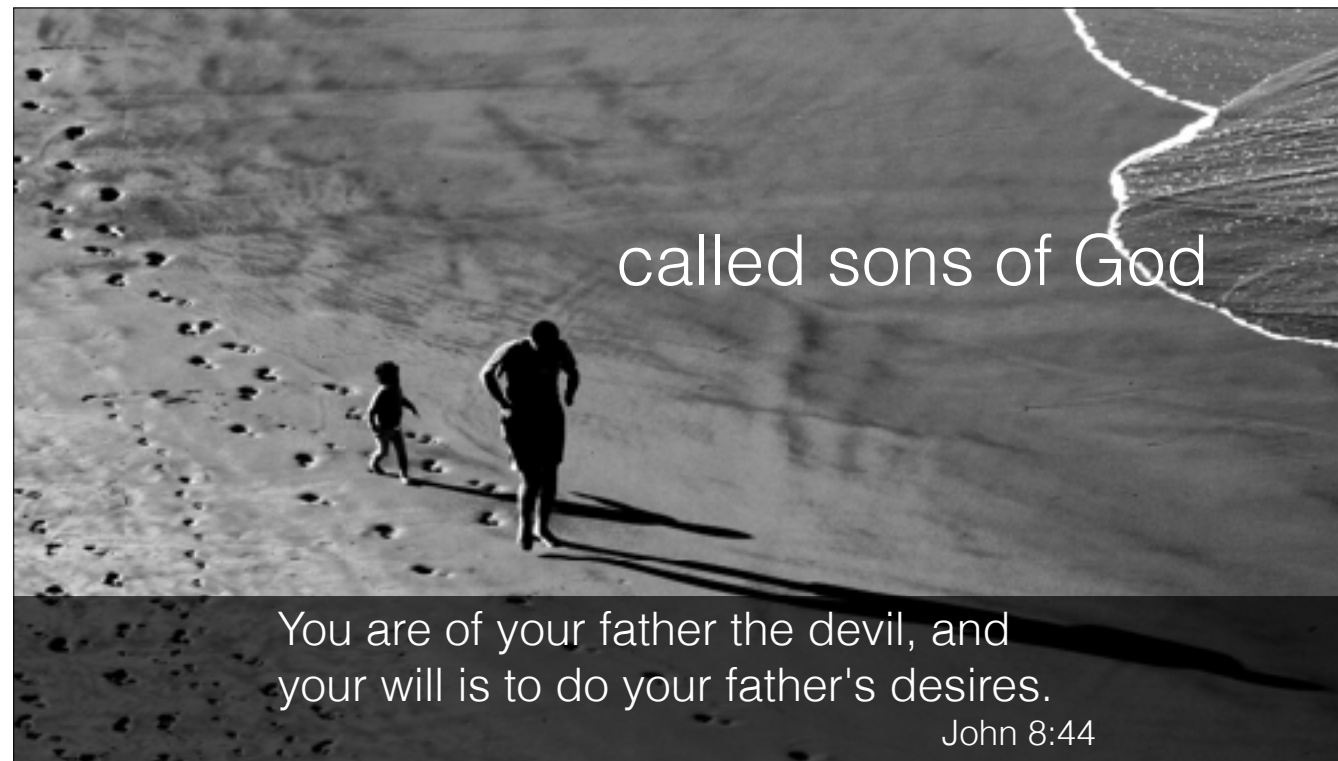


Peacemakers --> Called Sons of God

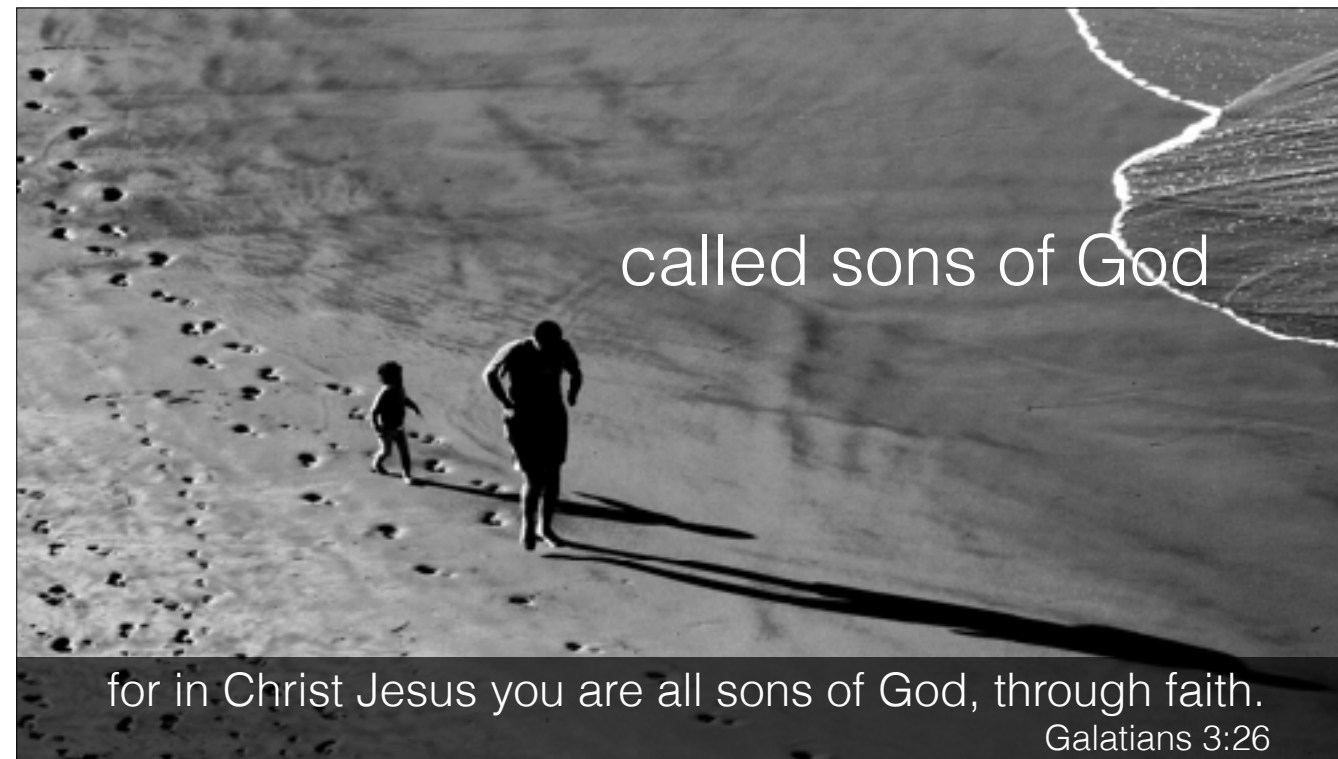


Mark 3:17: James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder);

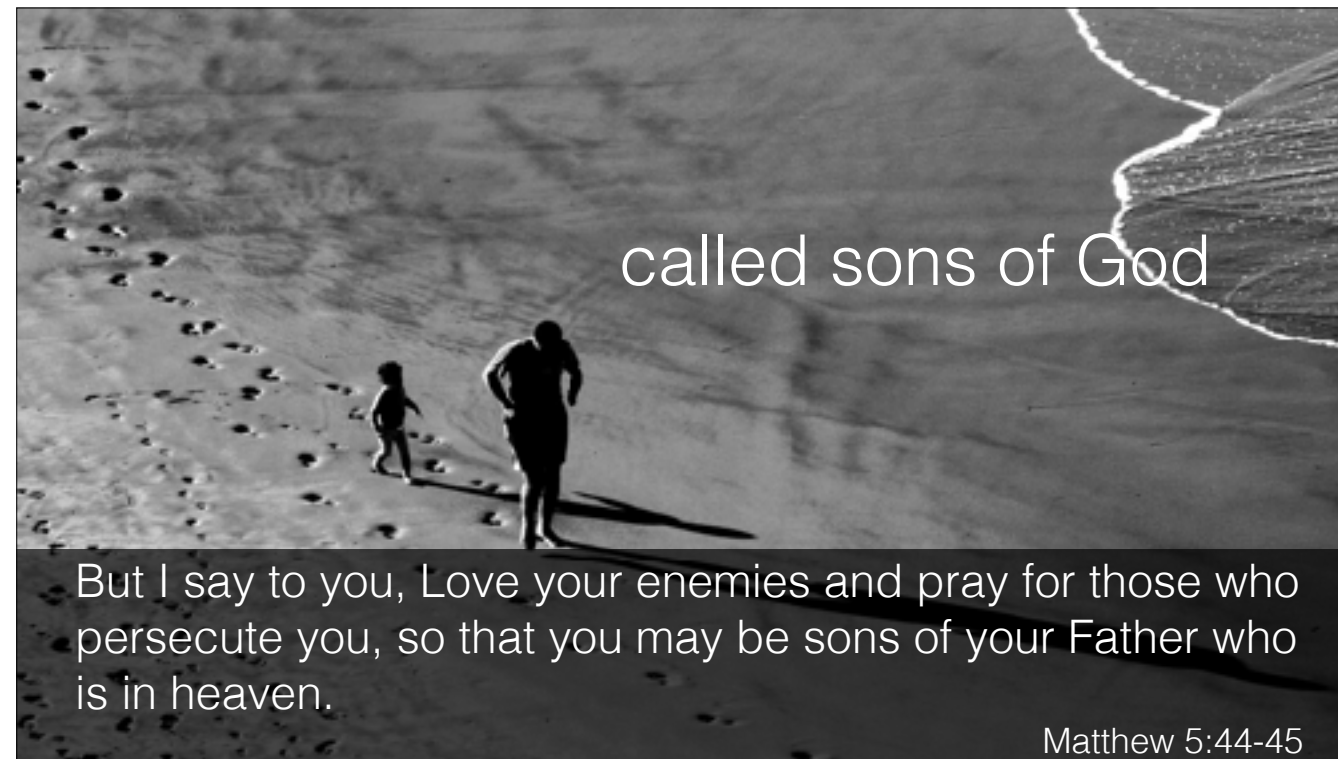
Luke 9:54: And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"



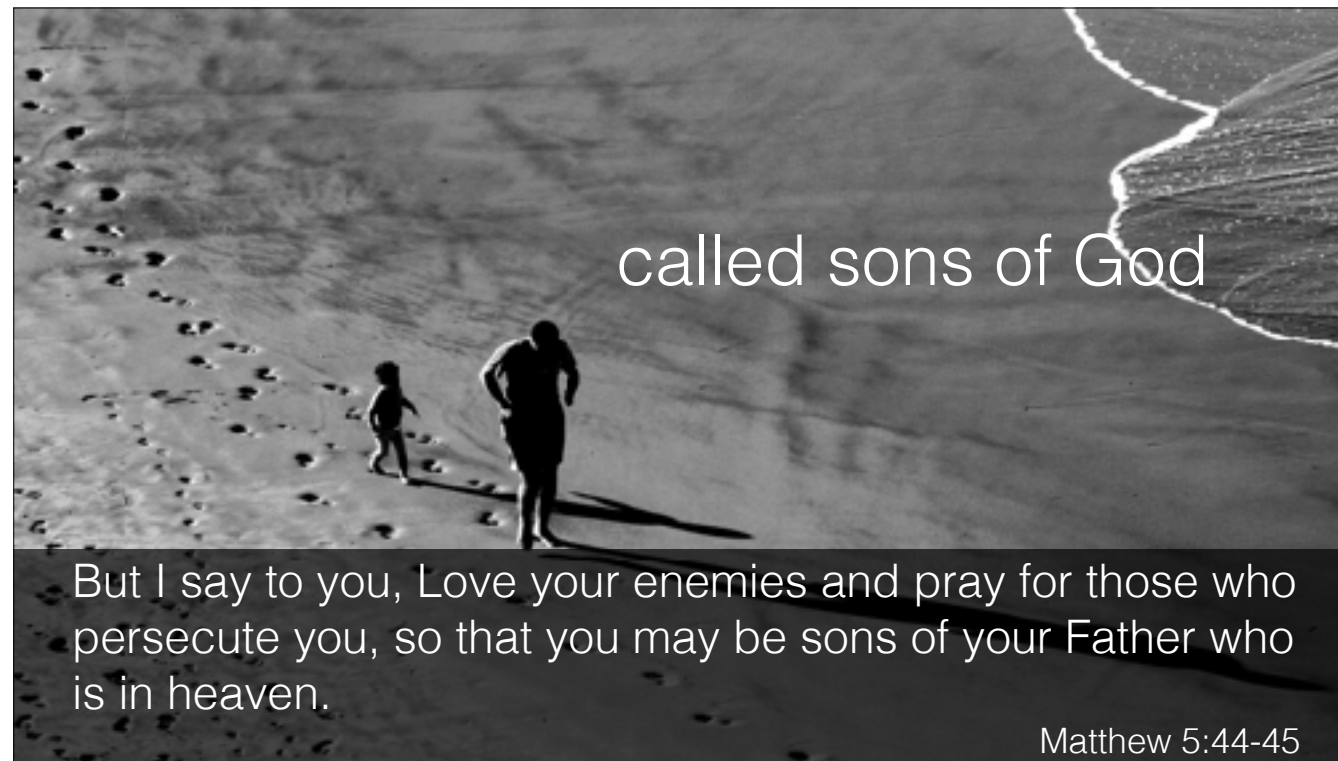
John 8:44: You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of **his own character**, for he is a liar and the father of lies.



Galatians 3:26: for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.



Matthew 5:44-45: But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

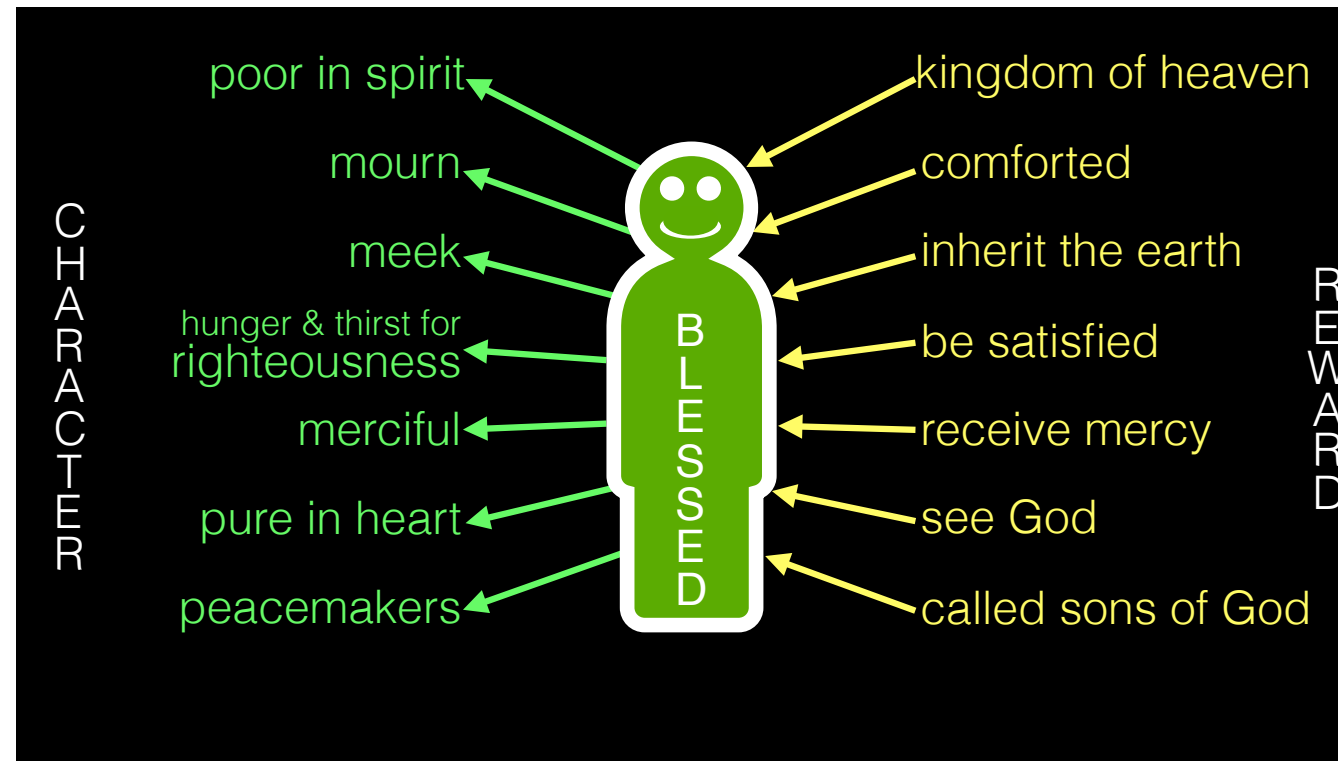


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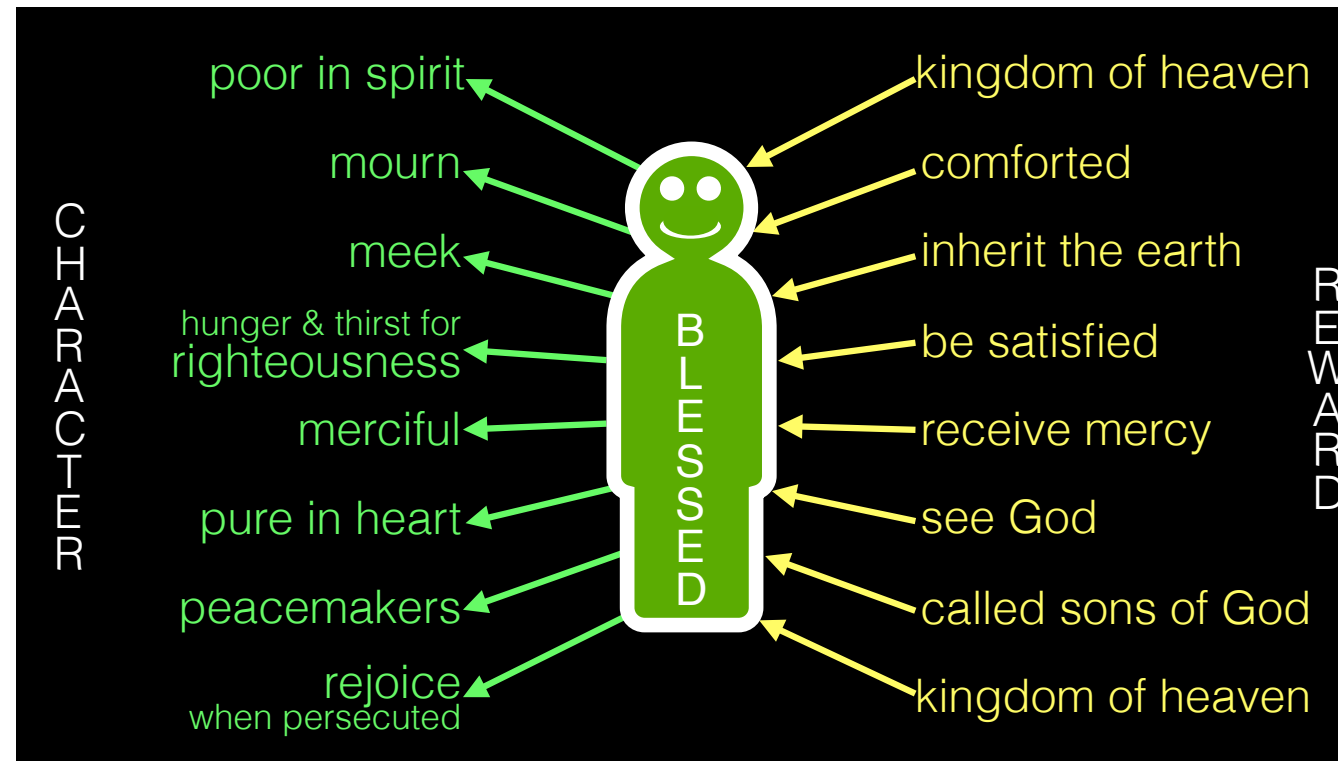
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Luke 6:35-36: But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.



Peacemakers --> Called Sons of God

When you are a peacemaker, you are being like your Father!



- Rejoice when persecuted: kingdom of heaven
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Revelation 1:5-6: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



Revelation 5:9-10: And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."



kingdom of heaven

partner in the tribulation and the kingdom
and the patient endurance that are in Jesus
Revelation 1:9

Revelation 1:9: I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.



kingdom of heaven

Now the salvation and the power and
the kingdom of our God and the
authority of his Christ have come

Revelation 12:10

Revelation 12:10: And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

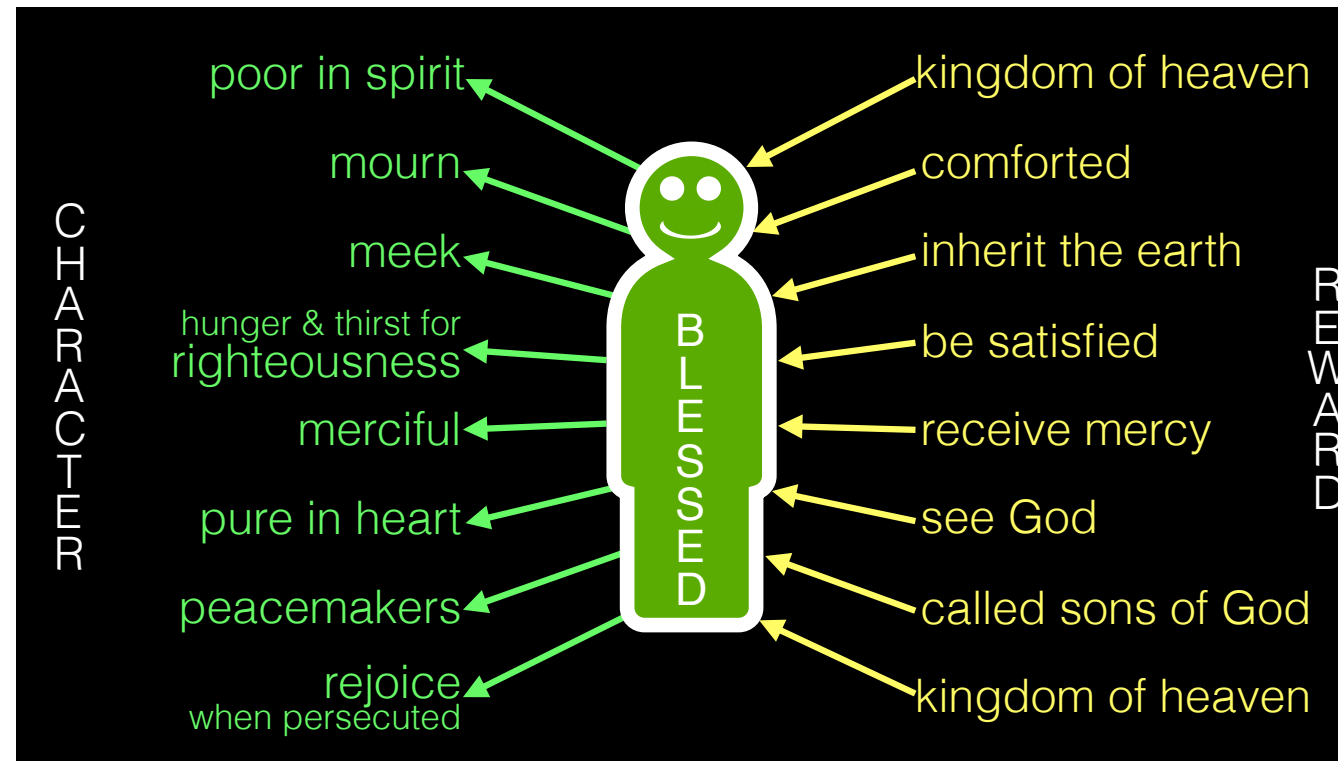


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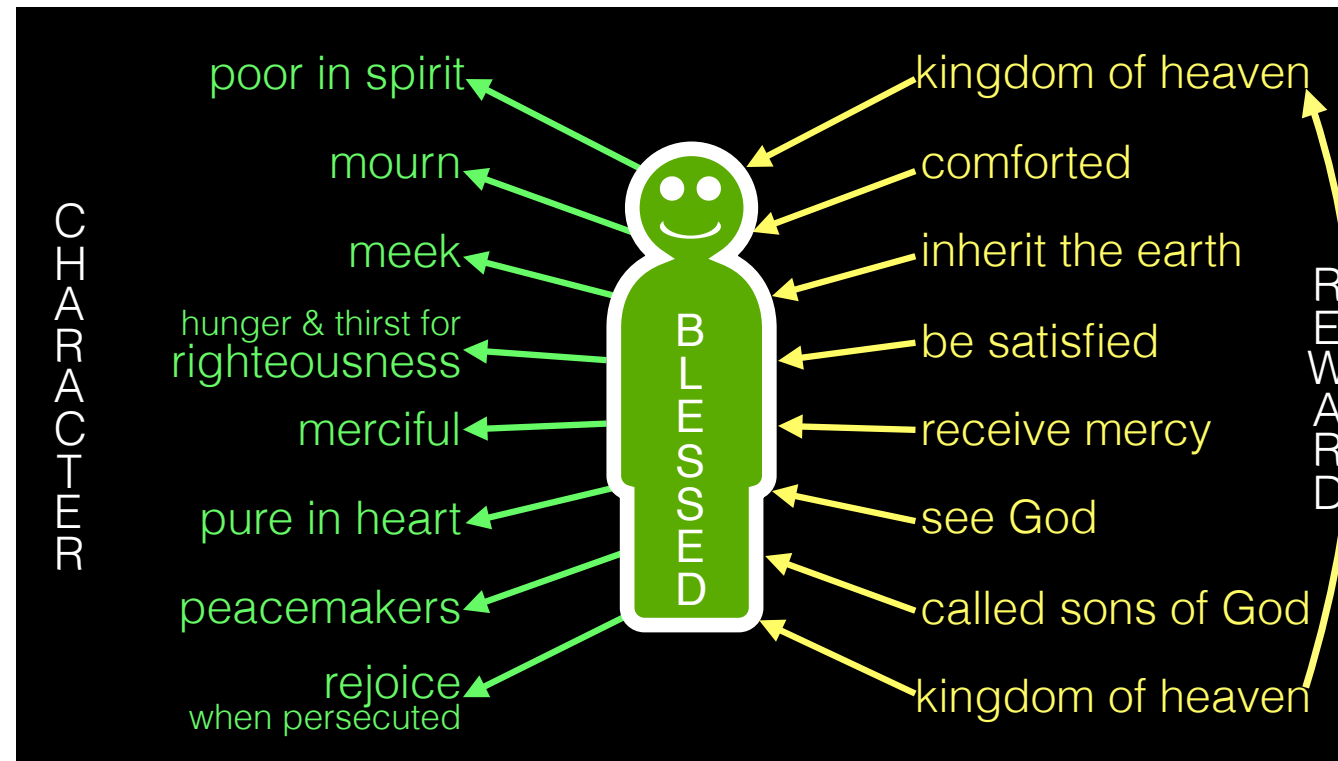
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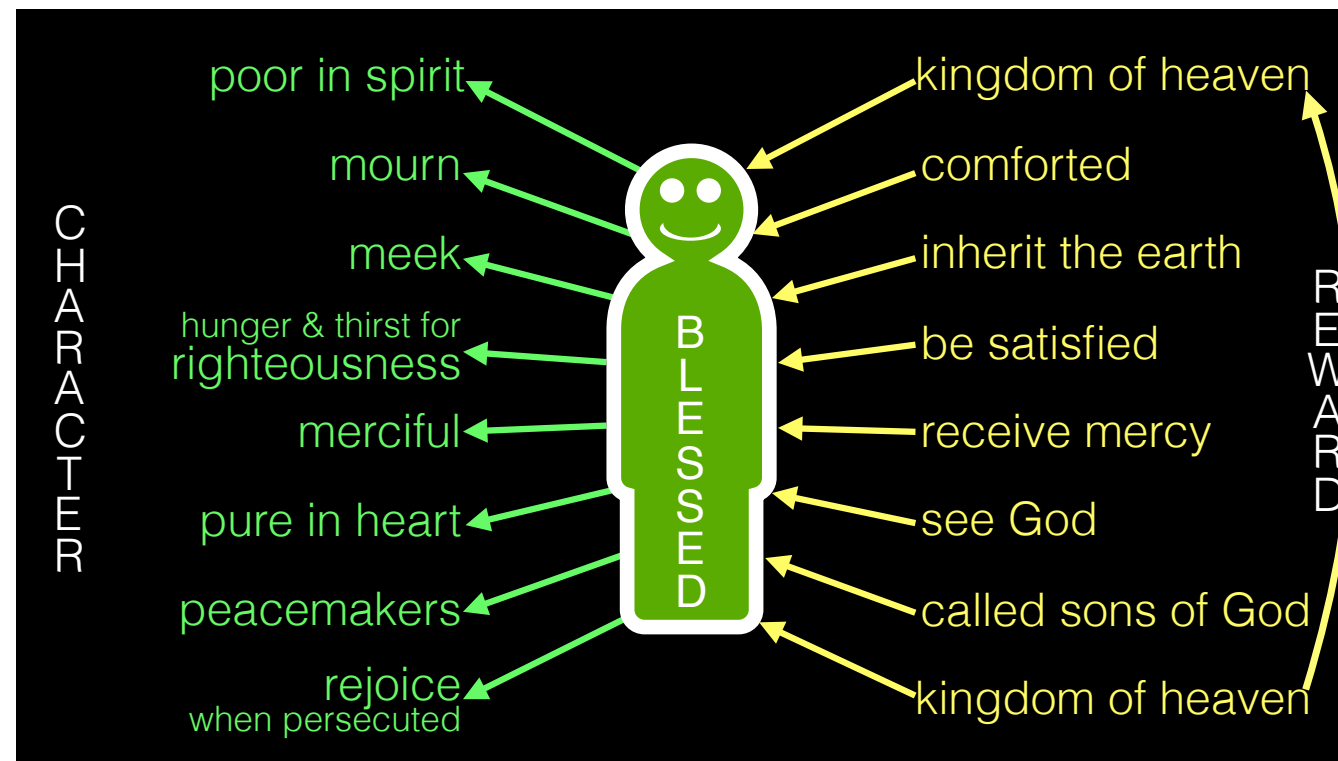
We rejoice when persecuted, because we are in His Kingdom and Nothing and NO one can separate us from Him and His love and His salvation.



- Rejoice when persecuted: kingdom of heaven



- Our Lord started and ended with this particular promise in order to impress on us that the important thing is to be in the kingdom of Heaven.
- Our God rewards those who seek Him.



- Obtainable — by God’s strength and grace.
- MOTIVATE
 - Especially when difficult, they are contrary to society (normal life)
 - various aspects of your life...
 - Marriage (peace maker)
 - Work (righteousness)
 - Parenting (meek)
 - Neighbors (merciful)
 - Lost (mourn)
 - Brethren (poor in spirit)



- A great list of blessings in this life and in life to come.
 - Better life? be a better person — Like God.
- Will you choose to follow Jesus today?

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

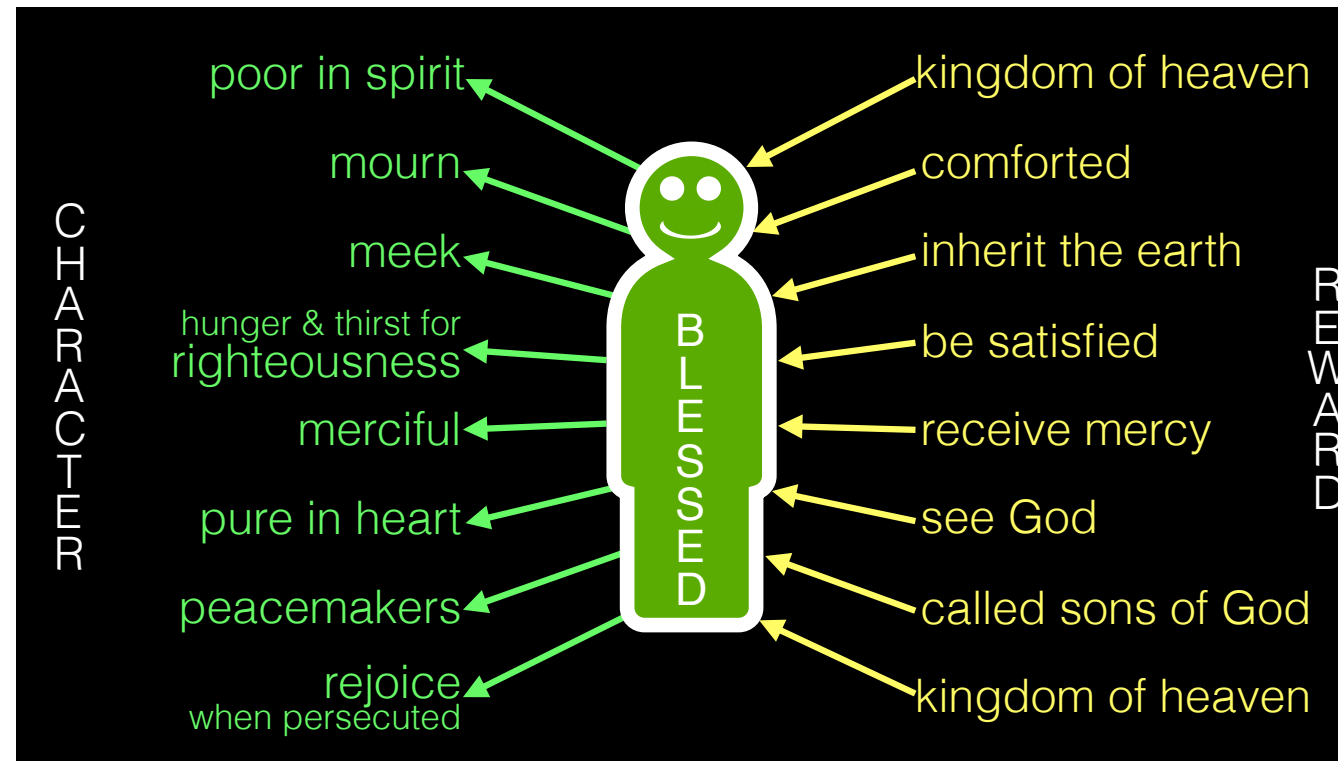


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Matthew 5:3-12

Synopsis: For each of the character traits, our Lord also explains the corresponding reward from God. Our Father rewards those who seek him and here we find wonderful reasons for making that choice in our lives. In this lesson, we'll discuss "see God"; "sons of God"; and "kingdom of heaven".

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