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## **Matthew 5:1-12**

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

- <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- \*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.