Inherit the Kingdom

The beatitudes (Matthew 5) contain promises such as “they shall inherit the earth”, “they shall see God”, “they shall be called the sons of God”, “theirs is the kingdom of heaven”.

These promises refer to the gift of eternal life in the “new heavens and new earth” (2Pe 3:13) which is a place of wondrous glory (Revelation 21).

Jesus taught that all who believe and obey his words will inherit that glorious heavenly kingdom. Christ's followers “by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality — eternal life” (Rom 2:7).

They “consider the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed” (Rom 8:18).

The burdens we bear now, are light when weighed in the balances against God's promises. “For momentary light affliction is producing in us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison” (2Co 4:16-18).

If we as Christians faithfully and courageously endure suffering, we glorify the name of Christ (1Pe 4:16) and God will one day glorify us, for he has made us his heirs and “our citizenship is in heaven” (Php 3:20).

The Beatitudes

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This lesson concludes our study of the Beatitudes in Matthew chapter 5.

The Pure in Heart

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Mt 5:8).

"God is light and in him there is no darkness at all" (1Jn 1:5-10). Nothing impure may approach God, so if we wish to see God and have fellowship with him one day, then we must be pure in heart.

"Draw near to God and he will draw near to you." But this fellowship with God requires that you "Cleanse your hands you sinners, and purify your hearts..." (Jas 4:8).

There is only one way to purify our hearts, and that is "in obedience to the truth... with the precious blood of Jesus... " (1Pe 1:14-23).