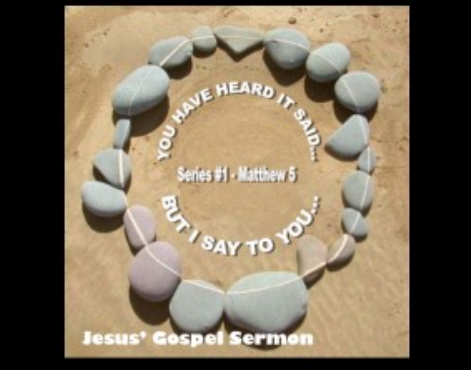


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2. Blessed are those who mourn what is wrong and unjust and sincerely repent, for God comforts those who suffer and those who truly repent. (mourn)

3. Blessed are those who are surrendered to God, who is the God of peace. (humble)

4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for a justice that delivers and restores to covenant community, for God is a God who brings such justice. (for righteousness)

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6. Blessed are those who give their whole self over to God, who is the only One worthy of the hearts full devotion. (pure in heart)

7. Blessed are those who make peace with their enemies, as God shows love to God's enemies (peacemakers)

8. & 9.: Blessed are those who suffer because of their practices of loyalty to Jesus and to Justice. (persecuted, reviled, false utterances)

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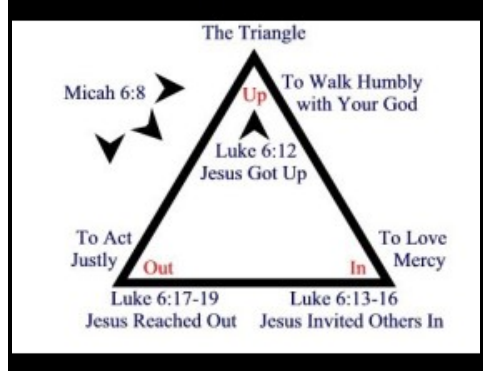
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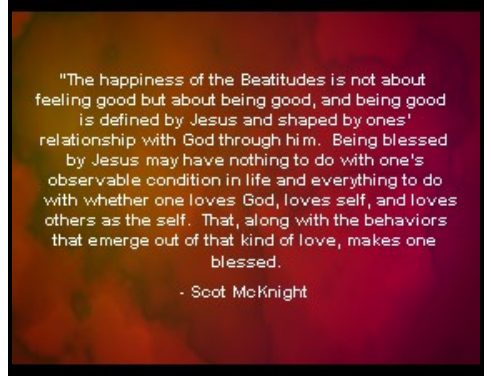
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