

# **Matthew 5; Kingdom Wisdom**

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Matthew 5:3 (ESV)

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**As Christians, this is a spiritual truth of the Kingdom of God. Jesus is teaching us how to operate in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is not weakness, being down trodden, or being taken advantage of. This is how to be powerful through the Holy Spirit. However, we must be aware of a physical truth of this world in which we live.**

**Hook – Bears will kill you!**



**In this physical world in which we live, we need to have Kingdom wisdom to hear from God and deal with all the Bears that will kill us! This is truth; God is greater than the physical. This also is truth; Bears will kill you. How do we reconcile the two truths?**

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**“Blessed” means a state of divine imparting of favor from God. This imparting from God comes to the poor in spirit; the humble toward God, not the proud. These are those who listen to God and do not rely on themselves. Christians conforming to the rebuke Christ gave Satan in Matt.4:4, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Therefore, the wisdom of the kingdom comes to the person who depends on God. Look at God’s heart stated in a powerful way in the OT.**

Isaiah 57:15 (ESV)

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,  
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

**“I dwell in the high and holy place,  
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly,  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.”**

**Again this attitude and God's presence is associated directly to the Word of God!**

Isaiah 66:2 (ESV)

All these things my hand has made,  
and so all these things came to be,  
declares the LORD.

**But this is the one to whom I will look:**  
he who is **humble and contrite** in spirit  
and **trembles at my word**.

**The NT continues with this attitude in this world!**

James 4:13–15 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" — <sup>14</sup> yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

**Look #1 Listen to God and receive! Why? Because Bears will kill you!**

**We try to keep our minds and attitudes clear of this world's clutter so we can see God.**

Matthew 5:8 (ESV)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

**We do not deny Bears will kill you but we approach them or avoid them through the wisdom of God! This is not “I have to be good.” This is not, “I have to please God.” This is not, “I can’t do bad things.” The motivation is clarity! The motivation is to “see God”! The problem with sin and even the activities of this world is that it replaces God.**

Eph.4:19 (NIV)

Having lost all sensitivity (*cease to feel*), they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

**The danger is not some inherit evil, but the war for the affections of your soul; the mind, will, and emotions.**

1 Peter 2:11 (ESV)

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

**The problem; we have lost the ability to discern the spiritual because this world wars against our soul, mind will and emotions. The static of the world distorts our ability to hear God.**

**Look #2 Get rid of the trash. Why? Because Bears will kill you**

**All this leads to true our purpose in life.**

Matthew 5:9 (ESV)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

**This does not mean to have peace with bears because bears will kill you. This means to be avenues to help others have peace with God.**

Romans 5:1 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 4:19 (ESV)

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." **PEACEMAKERS!!!**

**Look #3 Share the love of Christ! Why? Because Bears will kill you.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB95)

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Took – Bears will kill you, but God will protect you!**

**Prophetic Team**

**Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future!**