

The “Be” “Attitudes”

The beatitudes of Jesus that he gave in his Sermon on the Mount state clearly the “attitudes” that allow us to “be” what God wants us to be every day.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven - our attitude toward self.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted - our attitude toward sin.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth - our attitude toward God.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled - our attitude toward God’s word.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy - our attitude toward others.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God - our attitude toward right.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God - our attitude toward conflict.

Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven - our attitude toward injustice.

- Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- Where sin deforms, Jesus transforms.
- Inconsistency is the one thing in which many people are consistent.
- Keeping our mouth closed for one minute may save us an hour of explanation.
- You can’t take your contents with you when you die, but you can take your character.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Re-digging the Wells

"And Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them."

- Genesis 26:18 -

After the death of Abraham, we read in the account of Genesis that Isaac had to dig again some wells that the Philistines had stopped by filling them with dirt (Genesis 26:15). Surely this must have been frustrating for Isaac. Enemies had stopped the wells of Abraham and he had to work hard to dig again these wells of his father because well water was essential to the life of the people and the animals.

There is something to be learned here. First, there will always be those people who are mean and want to hurt the righteous. We just have to prepare for this in life. Second, there will always be the need to exercise patience. Isaac displayed patience, perseverance, and piety in the face of his enemies. He quietly dug again those wells and did not return evil for evil. So, what about redigging wells today?

One well that comes to mind that needs to stay open today is God's well

of salvation. God provides "living water" in his well of salvation for all today (Isaiah 12:3-4; 58:11-12; Zechariah 13:1; John 4:10,14; 7:37-39; Revelation 22:17). Isaiah wrote: "*Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation*" (Isaiah 12:3). And Zechariah prophesied: "*In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness*" (13:1). God's well of salvation was provided by Jesus' death on the cross for all and the gospel plan of salvation for all.

Just like in the days of Isaac, some people in the first century did not want God's well of salvation to be open to all. In Jesus' day, the Jews hindered people from getting to the well through their tradition (Matthew 15:9; 23:13). In the days of the NT church, the Jews hindered people by binding the Old Law (Acts 15; Galatians 2). The Gentiles, both Greeks and Romans, hindered people from getting to God's well of salvation with their idolatry and human philosophy (Acts 17; Colossians 2).

Just like in the days of Isaac, some people today still try to stop the well of God's salvation. For example, denominationalism stops the well by leading people to man-made churches instead of the Lord's true church (Matthew 16:18; Ac. 2:47). World religions, like Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and

Buddhism, stop the well by leading people to the wrong savior and away from Jesus Christ (John 14:6; Ac. 4:12). Unfaithful preaching of God's word, by those preachers in and out of the church, stops the well by telling people what they want to hear and not what they need to hear (2 Timothy 4:2-4). Worldly living, by those who claim to be "Christians" in and out of the church, stops the well by keeping the word of God from acting in their life (Luke 8:13). Finally, liberalism (acting without Bible authority) in the Lord's church stops the well by adding to and taking from the word of God (Colossians 3:17; 2 John 9).

Every generation has those "enemies of the cross" (Philippians 3:18) who will try and stop God's well of salvation and fill it with human error. Because of this, every generation also needs faithful Christians who will patiently dig again the well of salvation.

Friend, will you be the one who will do the work it takes to dig again the well of God's salvation? Well restoration takes patient work and commitment. Well maintenance takes patient work and commitment. It is so worth it if you will do it for yourself and your loved ones. - Chris Reeves