



**The Beatitudes:** The highest thought of heaven on earth is the Sermon on the Mount. It brings the ideal of conduct, diet, relationship, benevolence, supply, justice, mercy, and so much more. The beatitudes – a metaphysical door – connect the Sermon as a window on Truth.

**The Beatitudes prelude the Sermon on the Mount. They are salt for the spiritual food of the Sermon. They define the talk and action of daily life by their presence or absence. Poor in spirit, mournful of outlook, meek with statement, hungry for the right idea of God, merciful of others, peacemaking in relationship, persecuted for righteousness and yet always rejoicing in gladness the beatitudes are the rainbow ending in the gold of the Sermon.**

Heaven appears on earth – material sense objects and persons exchange for spiritual ideas. Positive good examples real metaphysics. Beatitudes window reality.

The poor in spirit replaces the intellectual for inspirational. The pure in heart see God through idea man. The merciful obtain the reflection of mercy. Mourning to see the higher joys of life, they are comforted. The hungry and thirsty for Truth understand reality. The peacemakers are the children of God. The persecuted for the true idea of God have heaven on earth. Wonderfully, meekness combines with honesty and every other moral quality, as each beatitude must, to illumine the presence of higher ideals on earth.

“To the five corporeal senses, man appears to be matter and mind united, but Christian Science reveals man as the idea of God, and declares the corporeal senses to be mortal and erring illusions.” (S&H page 477) Take away evil beliefs and things appear as symbols for divine ideas. The Sermon on the Mount is natural metaphysics – the higher sense of good moving even higher. It is the kind thing done for the stranger melting into love for all mankind.

A ladder down from heaven, harmony; the Beatitudes guide upwards. And their spiritual natures combine as one through divine Love, opening to Life's spiritual ideal. They understand Jesus' Sermon.



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