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Life in the Kingdom

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Rev. Keith Fink

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Responsive Confession of Sin

Based on the Beatitudes

Leader: Lord, You bless the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People: But we have been proud in spirit, inflated with pride in our own self-sufficiency. We have forgotten how needy we are.

Leader: Lord, you bless those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

People: But we have not mourned over our sins. Instead we have insulated ourselves from the pain, needs, loneliness and suffering of those around us.

Leader: Lord, you bless the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

People: But we have valued toughness over gentleness, choosing to be concerned with ourselves rather than with our brothers, sisters and neighbors.

Leader: Lord, you bless those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied.

People: But we have hungered after pleasures, prestige, and possessions of this temporal world, choosing to satisfy our immediate desires.

Leader: Lord, you bless the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

People: But we have harshly judged the lives of others. We have been quick to place blame on anything or anyone but ourselves.

Leader: Lord, you bless the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

People: But we have defiled our hearts with idols of our own choosing, doubting that God will keep his Word and promises.

Leader: Lord, you bless the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

People: But we are often at war with one another. We seldom esteem others as more important than ourselves, and we create strife by demand our way rather than by walking in God's Spirit.

Leader: Lord, you bless those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

People: But we have sought to please the world rather than risking the disapproval of those who need the Messiah

All: Have mercy on us in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Psalm 32:1-6

8.7.8.7 D. Beach Spring (Come All Christians Be Committed)

- 1 Bless-ed is the one whose sin is
covered over by the Lord,
Whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose guilt God won't record.
- 2 Bless-ed is the one whose sin the
Lord does not count against him,
In whose spirit no deceit or hidden sin is found within.
- 3 When I held my sin inside me,
and kept silent in my way,
Then my bones grew weak and wasted
through my groaning all the day.
- 4 For Your hand was heavy on me;
day and night, my strength did lapse;
Sapped away as in the heat of
summer's hot, lethargic grasp.
- 5 Then I told You of my sin, and
did not hide iniquity;
I said, "I'll confess my trespass"—
You forgave, purged guilt from me.
- 6 Therefore, let the godly pray to
You while You may still be found;
Surely waters will not reach them,
mighty waves that surge around.

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Next Week: we will continue our sermon series *Life in the Kingdom*, considering Matthew 5:13-16 “The Witness of God’s People.”



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