

Daily devotions for
2019



Day 16
Matthew 5
Sermon on the Mount
Pt1

*3 "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*

4 God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.

6 God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.

7 God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

9 God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

*10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven
is theirs.*

Matthew 5:1-10 (NIV)

"Isn't this amazing?" Boris exclaimed "It says here that I can inherit the whole earth!"

Boris was running up to Dan, his old school mate who was now a solicitor. Dan looked up at him

wearily, he was used to Boris's antics, but this was taking it a step too far.

"Right then, what have we here? A new contract, someone promising you the world? Literally?"

Dan looked down at the piece of paper thrown in front of him. He chuckled to himself, being careful not to be too mean to his friend. There was a whole list of things he had been promised: the Kingdom of Heaven, the whole earth, the Kingdom of heaven again.

He looked up at his friend, keeping a straight face but with a smile tugging at his lips.

"I dunno Boris, you do realise that for this you have to be humble, have a 'thirst for justice', be merciful, have a pure heart and work for peace."

This time it was Boris's time to smile. "Don't you realise? This deal is amazing! When I mourn, I shall be comforted - all I need to do is recognise I need help and it'll be there!"

Dan shook his head, it was impossible. 'Poor Boris', he thought as he strolled away 'always falling for those scams'.

That night Boris went home. He had expected such a response, of course. But since he'd accepted the contract, his life had been better. Sure it was hard work, but why wouldn't it be? If it was easy, everyone would do it!

He poured a coffee and sat down and prayed. Dan was right, to do all of those things would be

impossible, but with the help of God, he could do it, he would try. He prayed that God would help him, he prayed that his heart would be pure, and he prayed for his friend Dan, that he would realise God's need for him.

Prayer

God, thank you for blessing us so greatly, and for blessing not only our positive qualities, but our ability to reach out to you. Help us to spread this word among our friends and families and help us blossom in humbleness, justice, mercy, peace and pureness of heart. Amen.