



## Attitude – Necessary for Approaching God

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The Gospel According to Matthew 1<sup>st</sup> Book of the New Testament  
Serves as an INTRODUCTION to the NT

Chapter 1 gives the generations of Jesus Christ from David to Joseph and teaches the virgin birth of Jesus.

Chapter 2 reveals the visiting wise men who worshiped him at his birth. Wise men seek God, know God, and fear God (Psalm 111:10, Prov. 9:10). They still do today.

Ps 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Pr 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Chapter 3 reveals the ministry of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus. *And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* (3:16-17)

Chapter 4 reveals his forty days and forty nights in the wilderness, his being tempted of the devil, and his regathering of his disciples. It would be called a regathering of disciples rather than the call of disciples because in the days after his baptism, and before his forty day disappearance, John, Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathanael concurred with Andrew, *"We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ."* (John 1:41).

The depth of the revelation given in these first four chapters might consume pages of commentary, but is not the subject of this one.

In good literature, in good presentations, in good teaching, in a good speech there is:

- an introduction that tells what is to be told,
- a body that tells it, and then
- a conclusion that tells what was told.

When reading the best literature on earth, written by the God and Creator of the universe, albeit through “*holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost*” (2Peter 1:21), one should expect and search out such a profound literary structure.

Such an introduction is the subject of this paper. It is certainly an introduction to our Lord Jesus Christ's sermon on the mount.

It might be introductory to so much more than that.

Jesus gives nine blessed “are's” that might be referenced as the “9 Blessed 'R's”:

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The way To Door - The ARK - MATHEW
- 2) Come Now Isa 1118 - Sin as Scarlet  
Red with it After
- 3) Come After ... Become a Follower of Me  
Follow me
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- 5) Come Up Higher Rev 4

*And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,... (Matt 5:1-2).*

In 1984-88, while stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Bev and I and the boys attended Huber Heights Baptist Temple under Pastor Chuck Zimmerman and we attended the weekly Sunday School teacher meetings of Associate Pastor Waddle.

He taught us from this text that Sunday School classes under a good teacher are to have: *compassion, And seeing the multitudes, order, and when he was set discipline, his disciples came unto him: and control, And he opened his mouth, and taught them,*

Notice how these two verses exhibit all four attributes for the best teacher that ever existed.

I learned more Bible being a Sunday School teacher than I learned in Bible College or Seminary.

The latter taught great discipline and broadened horizons, but the former great and practical Bible lessons.

Pursue your calling as a Sunday School teacher, even if it takes a back-yard Bible club.

While you teach kids what to think about, they will teach you how to think... sometimes, how not to think.

Each of these Blessed Rs give an attribute and its effect.

They divide naturally into three groups of threes.

The first three give attributes and effects necessary for anyone's approach to a Holy God.

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**The Day of the Lord: Amos 1-2**  
Come near, ye nations, to hear, and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein, the world, and all things that come forth of it.  
For the indignation of the Lord is kindled against you, because ye have despised his word, ye have despised his voice, ye have despised his word, ye have despised his voice, ye have despised his word, ye have despised his voice.

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14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.

10 And the remnant of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with weeping and lowliness, ye shall say, we have seen the Lord, we have seen the Lord, we have seen the Lord, we have seen the Lord.

11 Then said Elisha and Shobai and

The next three give his supernatural work in the heart of those who attain that approach.

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The final three deal with the worlds reaction to those who would exhibit such a changed heart.

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That is not a simple analysis, it is a profound analysis. Get a pencil and write it down. Evangelist Harold Boyd used to say, "Pastor Rice, I am going to say something profound, be sure and write it down."  
I did. You should.

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**The first Blessed R has a condition and effect:**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

The “poor in spirit” has a larger definition in scripture:

*Ps 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a **broken heart**; and saveth such as be of a **contrite spirit**.*

*Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a **broken spirit**: a broken and a **contrite heart**, O God, thou wilt not despise.*

*Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a **contrite and humble spirit**, to revive the **spirit of the humble**, and to revive the heart of **the contrite ones**.*

*Isa 66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is **poor and of a contrite spirit**, and trembleth at my word.*

- 3) Come After - Follow me
- 4) Come Out - Be ye separate
- 5) Come Up - Higher than 4

The effect, as it were, is *“theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”* The Bible says some things about getting into the kingdom. The Gospel According to Matthew has already stated:

Mt 3:1-2 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The gospel message about entering the kingdom is clear:

*Mr 1:14 -15 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent ye, and believe the gospel.***

*Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again,** he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

*Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

*Mt 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, **Except ye be converted,** and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

As a preacher of the gospel it is important to make this clear:

John 3:16-18 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

You cannot enter the kingdom unless you are saved from condemnation and you have eternal life. The clearest that this Baptist Preacher of the Gospel can make it is in the 8 verses commonly called **“The Romans Road to Heaven”**:

*Romans 3:10,23 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:... For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

*5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

*5:12,18 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: ... Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*

*6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

And then it is important to carefully follow the Lord God's instruction for receiving that free gift:

Romans 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The simplicity of that short gospel message is emphasized in Romans 10:13  
*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

As humbly as I can say it, I like to say:

**Call on Him today, Call on us tomorrow.**

If you receive Christ as your Lord and Saviour please call on us at [www.GSBaptistChurch.com](http://www.GSBaptistChurch.com), Box 99, 54 Main St, Dresden, NY 14441. We want to send you some additional information and rejoice with you over your new found Saviour.

4) Come Out - Do ye separate  
5) Come Up Higher Rev 4

We are looking at the first three Blessed Rs that are necessary in ones approach to a holy God.

**The second Blessed R has a condition and effect:** *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.* "They that mourn" has a larger definition in scripture and it surely includes the theme for Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, "*Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*" (4:17).

In the 34<sup>th</sup> week of 2018 I addressed this necessity for repentance in a weekly Penny Pulpit:

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## Msg #1834 Repentance Is Required

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalm 51:1-2). David provides exhibit A for the need of our repentance. Mercy needs called for when the guilty and condemned want to escape just desert. Recall “the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke xviii.13). An hundred-and-ninety years ago J. Thornton was compelled to write a lengthy discourse, “Repentance – Explained and Enforced,” to confront false teachers who po-poed repentance of sin. He declares, “Repentance is contrition of heart, deep self-abhorrence, where the genuinely penitent one is abased and confounded with a view of the greatness of his sins.” Among the many Scriptures defending this definition he points out Psalm xl. 12. *“For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.”* A hundred-and-thirty years ago Charles H. Spurgeon embarked on a similar defense of repentance stating, “Repentance is to leave the sin we loved before and show that we in earnest grieve by doing so no more.”

The Roman's Latin Vulgate struck every occurrence of “repentance” from their translation and substituted “penance.” Ecumenical modernists would do it again today; be on guard for their pernicious ways. Forgiveness only comes to those who can lament “woe unto us, that we have sinned” (Lam 5:16). Our sacrifice for sin needs to be *“A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise”* (Psalm li.17).

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The prophet Isaiah gives us some insights on mourning:  
Isa 61:2-3 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all **that mourn**; To appoint unto them **that mourn** in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.  
Isa 66:10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye **that mourn** for her:

If God looked for a people who mourned for sins in the Old Testament, their sins, their neighbor's sins and their nation's sins, and it is the number two listing in the Blessed Rs, he is looking for it in our lives today.

It is necessary for man's approach to a holy God today.

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The effect, as it were, in this second Blessed R is “*they shall be comforted.*” You have to love what our Lord Jesus Christ taught us about the comforter.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you ***another Comforter***, that he may abide with you for ever;

Joh 14:26 But ***the Comforter***, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Joh 15:26 But when ***the Comforter*** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, ***the Comforter*** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

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There is no equivalent translation of the Greek word for this Comforter. So the English word “comforter” must be extended a little bit to capture all that the Holy Ghost is in a believers life.

That is easily done with the superb description our Lord gives in just four verses.

Modernist ecumenical copyright-mongers scoff at this translation<sup>FN</sup>, and suppose a transliteration should have been used here.

Remember what the Psalmist said about scoffers and be sure you understand who the Comforter is, and what his whole function in a believer's life is to be.

FN There are times when the fifty-seven highly skilled linguists, employed and paid by King James from 1603 through 1611, divided into six companies which met in cities of Cambridge, Westminster, and Oxford, as they, under the unction of the Holy Spirit of God, took seven years to translate God's inerrant, infallible, verbally inspired Old Testament and New Testament books into an authorized Holy Bible which answered only to the original Hebrew and Greek, well there were times when a word was transliterated, like “baptize”, and times when it was translated into the closest English word which might best capture the exactness of the text, and the doctrine of the whole Bible, like, for example, “Comforter” in John 14:16, 26, 15:26, and 16:7. Always trust them, and always mistrust modernist ecumenical copyright-mongering “scholars”.

Further look at the mess they were in in the Old Testament without a comforter.

Ec 4:1 So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but **they had no comforter.**

La 1:9 Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: **she had no comforter.**  
O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself.

La 1:16 For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, **because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me:** my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

With this context in place one can better understand this second Blessed R, **"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."**

- 1) Come Now Isa 11:1 - Sin is Scarlet
- 2) Come After ... Deanna a Fisher of Men
- 3) Come Out - Be ye separate
- 4) Come Up Hither Rev 4
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**The third Blessed R has a condition and effect:** *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.* “The meek” has a larger definition in scripture. When doing a word search on “meek” one has to love the Holy Bible's first use of the word, “Nu 12:3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)” Now imagine Moses penning that God given verse as he wrote the Pentateuch.

The Psalmist says much about the meek:  
Ps 22:26 **The meek** shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.  
Ps 25:9 **The meek** will he guide in judgment: and **the meek** will he teach his way.  
Ps 37:11 But **the meek shall inherit the earth**; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.  
Ps 76:9 When God arose to judgment, to save all **the meek** of the earth.  
Selah.  
Ps 147:6 The LORD lifteth up **the meek**: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.  
Ps 149:4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify **the meek** with salvation.

The New Testament gives some more insight on meekness, Jesus had it, and the Apostle Peter says ladies should adorn themselves with it:

Mt 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for ***I am meek and lowly in heart***: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Mt 21:5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, ***meek***, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

1Pe 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even ***the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit***, which is in the sight of God of great price. be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

Meekness is an attribute found strangely lacking in Christianity today; those that have it are in position to inherit the earth.

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The effect, as it were, in the third Blessed R is *“they shall inherit the earth.”*

In Exodus 32:13 Moses gives a poignant reminder to the LORD God, *“Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and **they shall inherit it for ever.**”*

Israel is still in line to be saved (Rom 11:26), and to inherit that tract of Promised Land, but this promise of inheriting the earth is even bigger than that. Look at the clarification of the Psalmist:

Ps 25:12-13 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed ***shall inherit the earth.***

Ps 37:9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, ***they shall inherit the earth.***

Ps 37:11 But ***the meek shall inherit the earth;*** and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Ps 37:22 For such as be blessed of him ***shall inherit the earth;*** and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

Ps 37:29 The righteous ***shall inherit the land,*** and dwell therein for ever.

Ps 37:34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to ***inherit the land:*** when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

Ps 69:35- 36 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession. The seed also of his servants ***shall inherit it:*** and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

Ps 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt ***inherit all nations.***

Make the distinction in these verses that Israel is to inherit the land of God's promise, but the inheriting of the earth is a larger context as seen in Revelation 21:7

*“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”*

Now for our Methodists brothers, and their Pentecostal offspring, for our Mennonite brothers too, and all others with a works salvation instead of a faith salvation (Eph 2:8-9), as they are trying to “overcome” and “endure to the end” to be saved we need to clarify *“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”* (1John 5:4-5).

And further their two sustaining verses Matthew 24:13, and Mark 13:13 are written to tribulation saints not to born-again, saved by grace, adopted into the family, saved for eternity, saints of the age of grace, the church age.

Mt 24:13 But he that shall **endure unto the end**, the same shall be saved.

Mr 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall **endure unto the end**, the same shall be saved.

Much more needs to be said about the cause and effect of these first three Blessed Rs.