

WHEN JESUS RULES IN OUR LIVES

Matt. 5:1-16

blessed = makarios = supremely blessed, happy, fortunate, well-off

1. When Jesus rules, we look to Him to meet our needs . . . and He does with heavenly power and authority. Matt. 5:1-3; Ps. 23; Phil. 4:19

kingdom = basileia = royalty, rule, realm

lovingkindness = chesed = covenant love, steadfast and merciful

2. When Jesus rules, we understand the seriousness of sin, grieve over, and repent of it . . . and Jesus forgives and heals us. Matt. 5:4; Gen. 6:5-6; Ps. 51:1-4, 7-10, 17; 139:23-24; Acts 2:38-39; 1 John 1:9

grieved = `atsab = to carve or cut [like a knife]; worry, pain, or anger

repent = metaneo = to turn [from sin, to God]; to have a change of mind; to think differently or afterwards

forgiveness = aphasis = freedom, pardon, dismissal, release

3. When Jesus rules, we submit to Him . . . and we receive an eternal inheritance in Him. Matt. 5:5; 7:21; John 6:38; Phil. 2:5-8; 2 Pe. 1:3; 1 Pe. 1:4; Rev. 21:1-4

gentle = prau`s = mild, humble [meek]

emptied = kenoo = to lay aside one's privileges

4. When Jesus rules, we seek to think and act like Jesus . . . and He empowers to do so, allowing us to know Him better in the process. Matt. 5:6; 2 Cor. 5:14-15, 17, 20a, 21; Rom. 12:2; Heb. 8:6, 10-12; Phil. 3:10

controls = sunecho = to hold together, compel, preoccupy

know = ginosko = to know in an absolute sense; knowledge grounded in experience

5. When Jesus rules, we extend mercy to others because we have received and continue to anticipate mercy from our Lord. Matt. 5:7; 18:23-35; Luke 6:36; Rom. 6:23; 1 Pe. 1:3; Heb. 4:16

mercy = eleo = to show compassion (by word or deed, esp. by divine grace)

6. When Jesus rules, our hearts remain focused on Him, and He allows us to see Him around us and experience intimate fellowship with Him. Matt. 5:8; Jer. 29:13; Isa. 29:13; Ps. 37:4; Ps. 25:14

heart = kardia = the heart, i.e. the middle [core]; the thoughts or feelings (mind), will, emotions

secret = cowd = intimacy, consultation, companionship

7. When Jesus rules, we identify with and join His mission to offer peace with God through Jesus Christ. Matt. 5:9; Rom. 5:1; 2 Cor. 5:18-20

reconciliation = katallage = exchange (fig. adjustment), i.e. restoration to (the divine) favor

8. When Jesus rules, we accept persecution and rejection of our faith as part of our calling, knowing they are an indication of the rewards to come. Matt. 5:10-12; John 16:33; 15:20; 2 Tim. 3:12; Rev. 22:12

persecuted = dioko = to put to flight, pursue, come after [be against]

9. When Jesus rules, we allow Him to use us to bring life and hope to a dark world as He displays Himself through us. Matt. 5:13-16; John 17:11, 14-16; 8:12; 1 Cor.10:31; Col.1:27

glory = doxa = glory (as very apparent) to manifest, give an estimation of

REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. *Am I looking to Jesus to meet all my needs? Am I experiencing God's great power and authority in my life?*
2. *Do I grieve over sin? Do I appropriate God's forgiveness, understanding its great cost?*
3. *Have I submitted every aspect of my life to the rule and reign of Jesus? Do I believe and anticipate the rewards of my inheritance?*
4. *Do I approach each day with a desire to represent Jesus well? Do I appreciate and cultivate my intimacy with Jesus?*
5. *How might the Lord be calling me to extend His mercy to others? Will I remember and anticipate the Lord's mercy as I show mercy to others?*
6. *Is my heart wholly and totally devoted to Jesus? Am I experiencing intimacy with the Lord because my heart belongs to Him?*
7. *Do I represent the heart of Jesus by caring about the lost?*
8. *Will I continue to stand for Jesus before men despite persecution? Will I look to the reward of my faith and stand firm?*
9. *How does Jesus want others to see Him through me? Will I cooperate with the Holy Spirit in being salt and light in the world?*