

## **Daily Verses**

### **July 2012**

#### **July 1**

##### **Blessed are the meek**

*Matthew 5:5 'Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.'*

Meekness relies fully upon the Lord;  
it depends upon His provision; it yields to His leading; and rests in His protection.  
Meekness does not seek to elevate itself;  
neither does it hope to gain personal advantage;  
yet the meek are those who inherit the earth.  
In Christ we have all things;  
we have no need to fight for superiority; we are children of the King.  
Meekness is able to rejoice when others are given prominence above us;  
and prays for the power of God to work in and through the lives of others.  
It never pulls others down; it desires only that the will of the Lord  
will be fulfilled in and through His people.

#### **July 2**

##### **Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness**

*Matthew 5:6 'Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.'*

Hunger and thirst will produce an urgency to find food and drink.  
They are healthy and natural desires.  
When we hunger and thirst for righteousness  
it is because we can find no resources in ourselves to satisfy our need.  
Self righteousness will never produce a hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
It is because of our lack of righteousness that we hunger and thirst for it.  
The desire for righteousness can only be fulfilled in Christ;  
and not by our own efforts.  
We are blessed because the life of Christ dwells in us;  
changing us into His likeness;  
and producing in us the fruit of a righteous life.

#### **July 3**

##### **Blessed are the merciful**

*Matthew 5:7 'Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.'*

There is freedom in forgiveness.  
If we show mercy to others then evil thoughts and desires  
cannot hold our heart and mind captive.  
The merciful overcome evil by doing good.

Forgiving others is an expression of thankfulness to the Lord  
for all He has done for us.  
Forgiveness never condones a wrong that is done  
but it will release us from the destructive power of bitterness and hate.  
Forgiveness is a prerequisite for answered prayer.  
If we keep unforgiveness in our heart  
then our prayers will be hindered.  
Forgiving others can never earn the mercy of God;  
but it will show the power of God is at work in our life.

## **July 4**

### **Purity in heart is a gift.**

Matthew 5:8 'Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.'

Purity in heart is a gift.  
It can never be achieved by our efforts;  
it must be received in Christ.  
He came for this purpose to give us a new heart;  
a clean heart; a pure heart; a heart filled with His love.  
The works of the flesh are the outworking of an evil heart.  
The pleasure they give produce death.  
The world desires them;  
Hollywood glorifies them;  
and without Christ we are captive to them.  
The fruit of the Spirit is the product of new life in Christ.  
All who love them love life;  
and through them the Holy Spirit works in us;  
preparing us for the day when we shall see Jesus.

## **July 5**

### **Blessed are the peacemakers**

Matthew 5:9 'Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.'

The gospel of Christ is the message of reconciliation with God.  
In Christ alone we have peace with God.  
He took the enmity that stood between us and God.  
All who have received new life in Christ carry the message  
that is able to bring peace and reconciliation with God.  
The gospel of Christ will bring peace with God to whoever believes.  
When we have peace with God then His peace will keep us;  
His peace will guard us;  
and His peace will be as a guide within us.  
We can bring His peace to others because in Christ

we have found the peace that is beyond all understanding.

## **July 6**

### **Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness.**

Matthew 5:10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

If we deliberately stir up the hostility of others  
then we are not persecuted;  
we are just reaping the consequences of being provocative.  
Persecution for the sake of righteousness is always unprovoked;  
it is promised to all who live a godly life  
because righteousness exposes the corruption of the world.  
We will be persecuted  
because righteousness can not lower its standard  
in order to accommodate the standards of the world;  
and it will not change the gospel of Christ  
in order to maintain unity and friendship.  
We will face hostile actions and hateful words when we represent Christ;  
but we are blessed because in Christ our reward is great.

## **July 7**

### **Free from condemnation.**

Romans 8:1 'There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,  
who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.'

The tiniest smear of sin in our thoughts; desires; or motives;  
one selfish action; one word spoken in anger is enough to condemn us.  
Yet God declares us free from condemnation in Christ.  
This is the glory of the gospel of Christ.  
Jesus died and rose again for us.  
He took our sin and condemnation;  
He brought new life.  
But this freedom from condemnation is a gift that must be received.  
If we choose to carry our sin then our sin will condemn us.  
Faith in Christ alone sets us free from all condemnation;  
and brings new life.

## **July 8**

### **Set free by the law of the Spirit and life.**

*Romans 8:2 'For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.'*

The law of the Old Testament can never justify us,  
it can only condemn us.  
We must be freed from the law so that we can be justified by another.  
In Christ we are dead to the law and its obligations.  
The curse of the law has no power over us.  
We are set free by new life in Christ, born of the Spirit.  
We live not by rules and regulations but by new life  
The scripture is our guide.  
It does not condemn us, it allows us to grow in grace.

Illustration: [New life.](#)

## July 9

### **Only the gospel makes a person new.**

*Acts 17:21 '(For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)'*

The Athenians grew old seeking something new.  
They did not seek truth;  
they sought for a new idea; a new point of view;  
a new philosophical thought; a new way to follow.  
The world will always be drawn by the excitement of something new.  
Only the gospel makes a person new; gives new life;  
creates in us a new heart; puts a new song in our mouth;  
renews our youth as the eagles;  
and lets us enjoy the mercies of the Lord that are new every morning.  
The gospel of Christ alone brings newness of life.

## July 10

### **Jesus condemned sin through the cross.**

*Romans 8:3 'For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:'*

The law cannot show mercy.  
It can not lift those who are fallen.  
It reveals the darkest side of the heart  
but cannot cleanse the smallest spot.  
What we do cannot change our sinful state.  
Jesus condemned sin through the cross.  
He does show mercy,  
He is able to lift those who are fallen,  
The judgment of sin revealed the beauty of His character  
and the sweetness of His grace.  
Religion has no grace to bestow,  
Sacraments have no power to save.  
Christ alone is our hope and trust.