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"Blessed . . . Blessed . . . Blessed . . . Blessed . . . " Matthew 5:3-10

The Blesseds of the Scriptures shine all over the inspired pages â€” like stars in the midnight sky! The Bible is a book of beatitudes and blessings. God's mercy lies everywhere. Wherever we see Christ â€” He is imparting blessings, as the sun imparts light and warmth.

While He was here on earth â€” He was always reaching out His hand to give a benediction to some life which sorely needed it. Now it was on the children's heads, now on the leper, now on the blind eyes, now on the sick, now on the dead â€” that He laid those gracious hands, and always He left some rich gift of blessing!

Then we remember one day, when those gentle hands were stretched out by brutal enemies â€” and with iron nails, were fastened on the cruel cross! Yet even then â€” it was in blessing, that they were extended â€” for it was for our sins they were thus transfixed on Calvary's cross. As we see them thus stretched out as wide as they could reach â€” the posture suggests the wideness of the divine mercy. Thus the arms of Christ are open to the utmost â€” to receive all who will come to seek refuge. There is room for the worst of sinners within those blessed arms!

Finally, it is a striking fact that the last glimpse we have of the Savior in this world â€” shows Him in the attitude of blessing. He had been talking with His disciples as He led them out, and then He lifted up His hands and blessed them â€” and while He was blessing them, He was parted from them and received up into Heaven. Surely there could be no truer picture taken of Jesus at any point in His life â€” than as He appeared in that last view of Him which this world enjoyed.

In Heaven now, He is still a blessing Savior â€” holding up His pierced hands before God in intercession, and reaching down gracious hands full of blessings for our sad, sinful earth.

If any life goes unblessed with such a Savior â€” it can be only because of sinful unbelief and rejection.