**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**September 1st, 2019**

**Matthew 5:6**

**RECAP:** We have been studying the Beatitudes, and looking at how to interpret these statements as Gospel-centered statements, not just general blessing statements for any and all who qualify.

**EXEGESIS:**

**v. 5a; “Blessed are the meek,”**

* This passage isa very close allusion to **Psalm 37:11.**
* The Greek word for “meek” shows up 20 times in the GNT, and it’s translated “meek, mild, lowly.” The lowly and meek will inherit the earth. **Matt. 11:29, Matthew 21:5, 1st Peter 3:4.**
  + The best example of this kind of lowliness is **Phil. 2:3-8.** As believers, we need to practice the “slave” mentality. We are not here to serve ourselves. **1st Peter. 1:18-19.**
    - We belong to Him. We serve Him, and we owe Him our lives and souls. That should make us a humble people.
* Gospel-saved people are lowly people. They are humble people. Gospel-saved people are this because they realize what they could have been, or could be, right now were it not for the grace of God. **They owe Him everything.**

**v.5b; “for they shall inherit the earth.”**

* Not just everyone who exhibits any generally humble characteristic, or any level of humility, suddenly inherits land or is promised the earth.
* We realize the adopted children of God do have a real inheritance. **Gal. 4:4-7,**
* **Revelation 21:1-7,** This word again for “heritage,” is the same root word that we find in Galatians and Matthew. To inherit something.
  + The heirs, which will be us, will have a real inheritance, in victory over sin, death, depraved humanity, and corruption.

**CONCLUSION:**

* **Proverbs 3:34,** God knows that people truly saved by the Gospel realize their place. They realize what they deserve. And it is nothing. They don’t deserve any of the love and kindness and favor God showers them with.
* But additionally, we realize, we have the incredible grace and mercy, not just of salvation, not just of the being *in* the Kingdom of Heaven, and not just of experiencing joy through salvation, but we will actually be ***heirs*** there!