



### **“Blessings and Curses”**

The Eight Woes: A Three-Part Series from Matthew 23  
Matthew 23:13-22

**Big Idea:** When *The Eight Woes* of Matthew 23 are compared to *The Eight Beatitudes* of Matthew 5, what results is a picture of Beatitudes versus Bad-Attitudes. As we compare the first four “Woes” with the first four “Beatitudes” this morning, we should ask ourselves...

I. Am I spiritually dependent or spiritually arrogant? (vs.13)

II. Am I empathetic or manipulative? (vs.14)

III. Am I making disciples of Christ or disciples of myself? (vs.15)

IV. Am I satisfied with Christ’s righteousness or self-righteousness? (vss.16-22)

## **The First Four Beatitudes of Matthew 5:3-6**

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (5:3).
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted (5:4).
3. Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth (5:5).
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied (5:6).