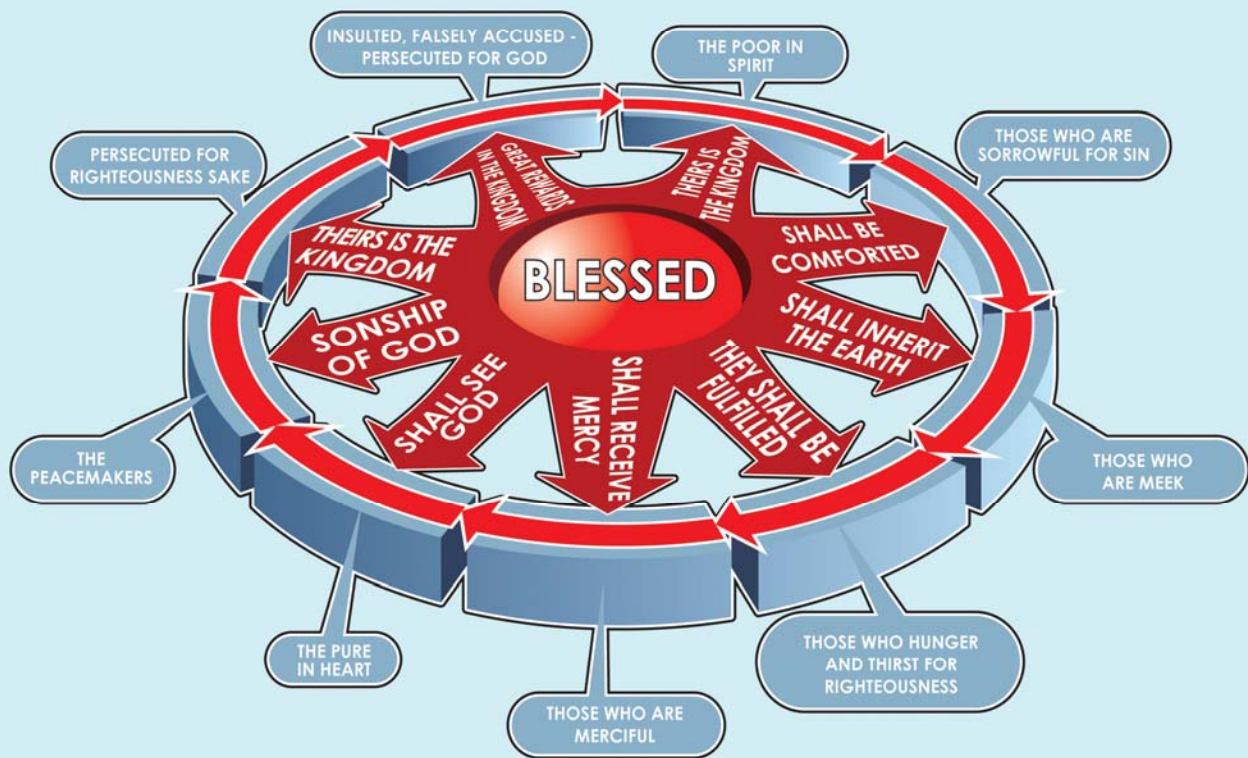


Matt 5:1-12

Cycle of Blessing



When he saw the crowds, he went up the hill, and sat down; his disciples came to him, and opening his lips he taught them. He said: "Blest are the poor in spirit; the Realm of heaven is theirs! Blest are the mourners; they shall receive comfort. Blest are the humble; the earth is their inheritance. Blest are those who hunger and thirst for goodness; for they shall be satisfied. Blest are the compassionate; mercy shall be given to them. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blest are the peacemakers; God shall call them sons! Blest are those who are those who suffer persecution for goodness sake; the Realm of God shall be theirs. And – Blest are you when others denounce you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake! Rejoice and be of a glad nature; your reward is great in heaven; they persecuted the prophets before you in the same way.