

AND HE OPENED HIS MOUTH, AND TAUGHT THEM....

TRUTH, CONCERNING THE LORD'S PEOPLE
Matthew 5:1-20

<u>REGARDING THEIR CHARACTER</u>	<u>REGARDING THEIR CONDITION</u>	<u>REGARDING THEIR LOT IN LIFE</u>
<i>They are truly happy</i>	<i>When</i> poor in spirit (v. 3) mourning (4) meek (5) hungering and thirsting for righteousness (6) merciful (7) pure in heart (8) making peace (9) persecuted for the sake of righteousness (10) reviled for Him (11)	<i>For</i> theirs is the kingdom of heaven they shall be comforted they will inherit the earth they shall be filled they shall receive mercy they shall see God be called children of God theirs is the kingdom of heaven they have great reward
<i>They are truly useful</i>	<i>When</i> "salting" (13) "lighting" (14) "honoring" (15-16)	<i>For</i> fulfillment of purpose illumination in the dark showing the glory of God
<i>They are truly taught</i>	<i>When</i> honoring the Word (17) keeping the Word (18) doing the Word (19)	<i>For</i> it is eternal the key to usefulness it is the basis of a truly righteous position.

In this introductory segment, the Lord tells us how to be:

truly happy

truly useful

truly taught

---The character prepares for the usefulness, the usefulness is governed by the teaching

---The character of the people of the Lord includes both active and passive elements

The character of the Lord's people is shown in cyclic form...posited on the concepts of righteousness and right doing.