

Heaven
Applauds
You



5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

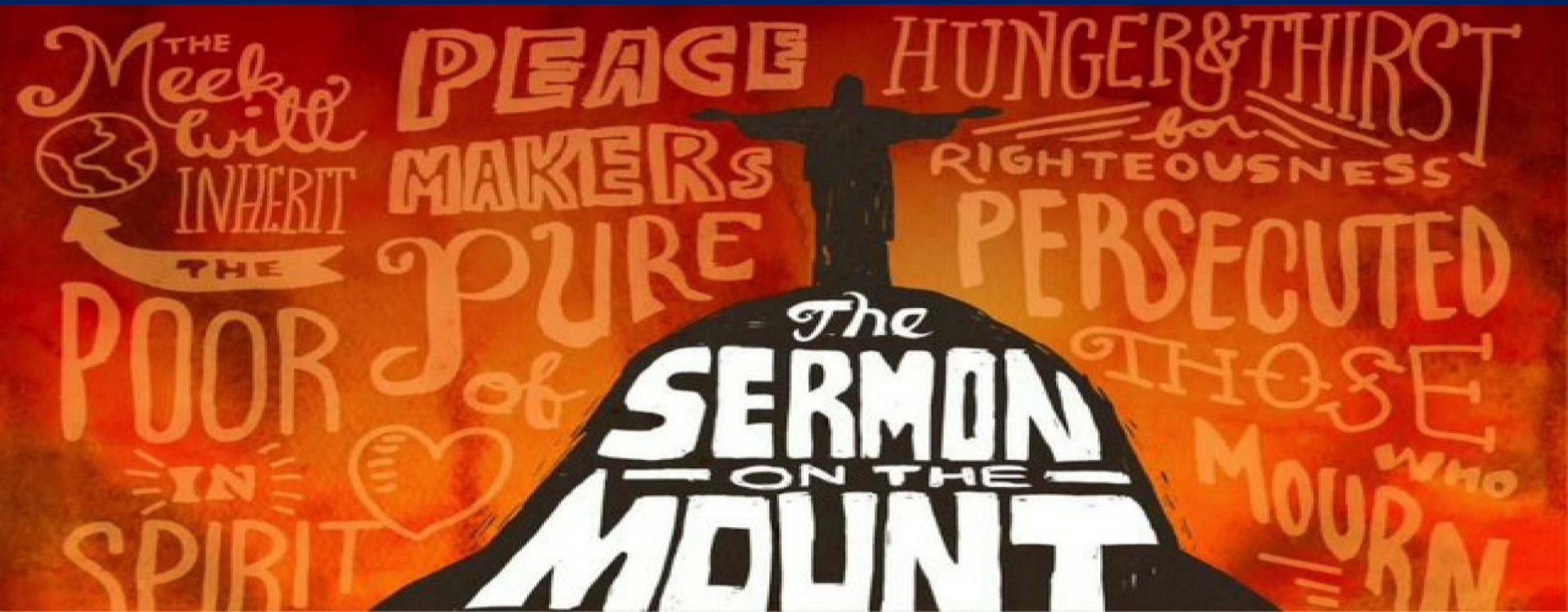
¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Message

11-12 “Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don’t like it, / do! **And all heaven applauds.** And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.



THE Meek will INHERIT THE EARTH

PEACE MAKERS PURE

HUNGER & THIRST for RIGHTEOUSNESS

PERSECUTED

THOSE WHO MOURN

POOR IN SPIRIT

The SERMON ON THE MOUNT




**live
salty**

¹³ You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

The Message

13 "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

A wooden spoon filled with white salt crystals is positioned on the left side of the image. The spoon is made of dark, polished wood and is filled to the brim with small, white, irregular salt crystals. The background is a dark, textured wooden surface with a prominent grain pattern. The text is written in a white, handwritten font on the right side of the image.

You
are the salt
of the earth
(Matthew 5:13).



