

Scripture: **The Holy Law of God (Ex. 20) – Matthew 5:1-17**
Singing: 251:1-3 – 217:2, 4 - 306:1-4 – 81:1-2 – 236:1-4

The Lord's people are the most important in this world!
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I. If you belong to the Lord's people, you are exceedingly blessed

A. Seven times did the Lord repeat: *you are blessed when ...!* (vs. 3-9)

B. And why are you blessed if you reflect these Beatitudes?

II. Even if you suffer as one of His people, you are still very blessed!

A. Jesus' teachings is always full surprises! (vs. 10-12)

B. But why are you blessed when you suffer as His disciple? (1 Pet 4:12-16)

C. As you suffer, keep your eyes on His promises (vs. 12; Matt. 19:29)

III. Contrary to what the world thinks, you are the most important people!

A. Jesus states a most staggering truth (vs. 13-16)

B. Why are you the most important people in the world?

1. You are the salt of the earth

2. You are the light of the world even if your circle of influence is small

C. As the Lord's people, you are to be *transformational* people: how?

IV. Will you leave convinced how important you are in our dark world?