

Matthew's Gospel

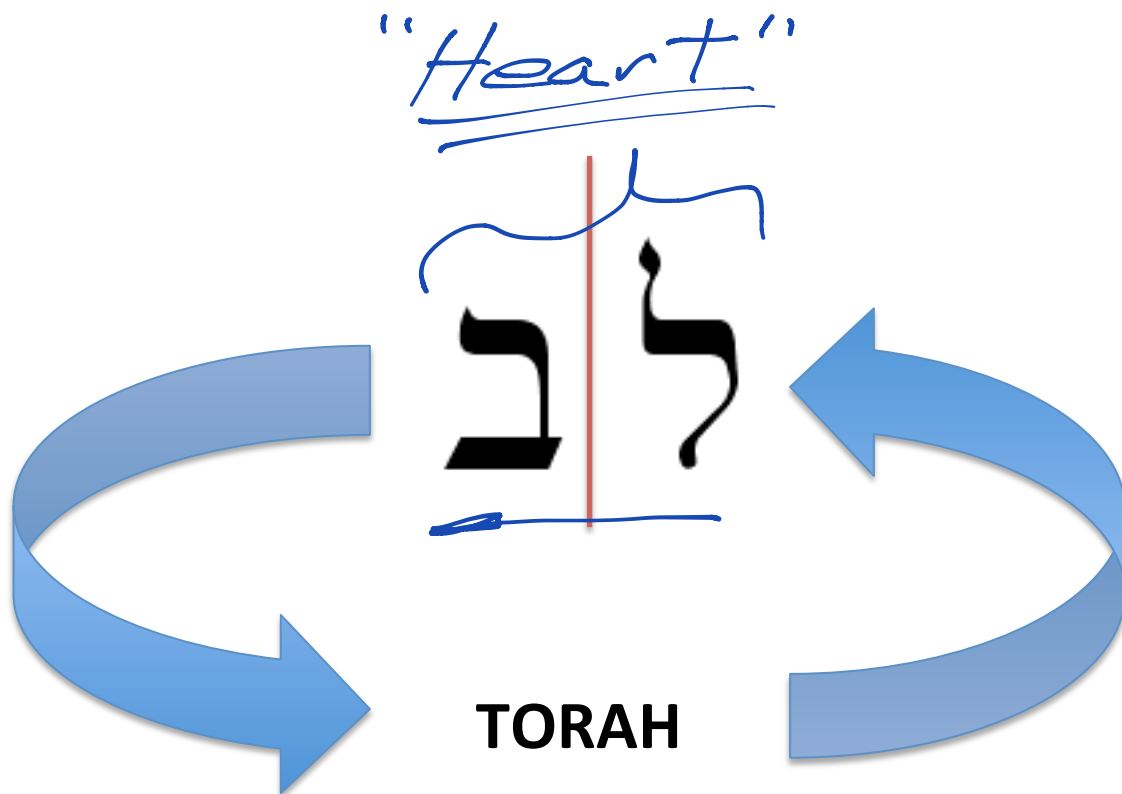
Chapter 5b

Q: Why did Yeshua begin His teaching with the “Beatitudes”?

A: Like the Torah, Yeshua’s teaching forms a circle.

Deuteronomy 34:12/Genesis 1:1

... and for [the sake of] all the mighty power and all the great deeds of awe that Moses did in the sight of all Israel, in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



Matthew 12:34

“... For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.”

Deuteronomy 6:6

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Matthew 4:4

But He answered, *“It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”*

Proverbs 4:4

He taught me and said to me, “Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.”

Q: So, what are the Beatitudes all about?

A: They describe the characteristics of the citizens of Heaven.

אֲשֵׁרִי

(*Ashrei*)

Genesis 30:12-13

Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. And Leah said, “**Happy** am I! For daughters [have called] me **happy**.” So she called his name **Asher**.

ותאמר לאה באשרי כי אשרוני בנות ותקרא את-שמו אשר:

Our Inner Longings

- *“Poor in spirit”*
- *“Mourn”*
- *“Humble/humiliated”*
- *“Hunger & thirst for tzedakkah”*

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Our Behavior

- *“Compassionate”*
- *“Pure in heart”* (Psalm 24:3-6/1 Peter 1:22)
- *“Make peace”*

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Our Treatment by the World

- *“Persecuted on account of tzedakkah”*
- *“Persecuted undeservedly...”*

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Psalm 24:3-5

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. 5 He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

1 Peter 1:22

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart...

Q: From where did Yeshua derive these three categories?

A: Psalm 1:1

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Ashrei *is the man who...*

walks *not in the counsel of the **wicked**...*

*nor stands in the way of **sinners**...*

*nor sits in the seat of **scoffers**.*

Q: From where did David derive these three categories?

A: Deuteronomy 6:5

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You shall love Adonai your God...

*with all your **heart**... [lev] (לֵב)*

*and with all your **soul** [nephesh] (נֶפֶשׁ)...*

*and with all your **might** [m'od] (מֵאֹד).*

Deut.6:5

The Heart

Nephesh

Output

Psalm 1

Wicked Counsel

Sinner

Scorner

The Beatitudes

LONGINGS

ACTIONS

TREATMENT

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