

## Cross-Reference: The Beatitudes and the Tanakh

The Beatitude (Matthew 5)	Core Theme	Primary Tanakh Cross-Reference	Key Connection
"Poor in spirit" (v.3)	Humility	Isaiah 66:2	God looks to those who are "humble and contrite in spirit" and tremble at His word.
"Those who mourn" (v.4)	Comfort	Isaiah 61:1-2	The Messiah is sent to "bind up the brokenhearted" and "comfort all who mourn."
"The meek" (v.5)	Inheritance	Psalms 37:11	This is a direct quote: "But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace."
"Hunger and thirst" (v.6)	Righteousness	Isaiah 55:1-2	An invitation to those who have no money to "come, buy and eat" and satisfy their soul.
"The merciful" (v.7)	Compassion	Psalms 18:25	"With the merciful You [God] show Yourself merciful."
"Pure in heart" (v.8)	Holiness	Psalms 24:3-4	Asks who may stand in God's holy place: "The one who has clean hands and a pure heart."
"Peacemakers" (v.9)	Shalom	Psalms 34:14	"Turn from evil and do good; seek peace ( <b>Shalom</b> ) and pursue it."
"Persecuted" (v.10-12)	Faithfulness	Isaiah 51:7	"Fear not the reproach of men... you who know righteousness, in whose heart is my law."