



## ***Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Reflection October 11, 2020***

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**Sunday Reflection Quote:** “We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are Spiritual Beings having a human experience.” (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Jesuit Priest)

**Scriptural Reference:** Matt 5:1-12

### ***Our Real Nature***

When we read or hear the Beatitudes from The Sermon on the Mount, most of us at one time or another have felt this to be a vision of life in some far-off place, that it is scarcely an attainable goal. I'll be the first to admit that I enjoy reading this poetry, simply letting the words wash over me. But there is more to it than that: our faithful and spiritual reading of this scripture will allow us to discover a practical approach for daily living and conduct. We remember from the beginning of Matthew that Jesus sat down and said these word to his disciples, not the entire crowd that had gathered:

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

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

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

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

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*

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

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

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.*

In my experience the Beatitudes are one of the most beloved lines of scripture to people of many religions. I have personally heard these lines read in a Jewish Synagogue, and I have read essays written about them by Hindu leaders. That tells me these are truly God's words.

Over the next several weeks in the *RLC Sunday Blasts* I'll be writing about verses from the Beatitudes and explore how these beautiful words may really provide practical guidance for our daily lives. Until then I invite you to read through these and pray or meditate on what they mean to you. Don't hesitate to email me with your experiences!

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**Special prayers this week** for all who suffer from any kind of illness or injury in our community. Thanks to those who showed Maggie and me great hospitality in our travels these past weeks. We pray for all of our friends and families near and dear to us. And may the peace which passes all understanding be with us all this day and forever. Amen –  
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