



*“Blessed Are
You”*

His Disciples



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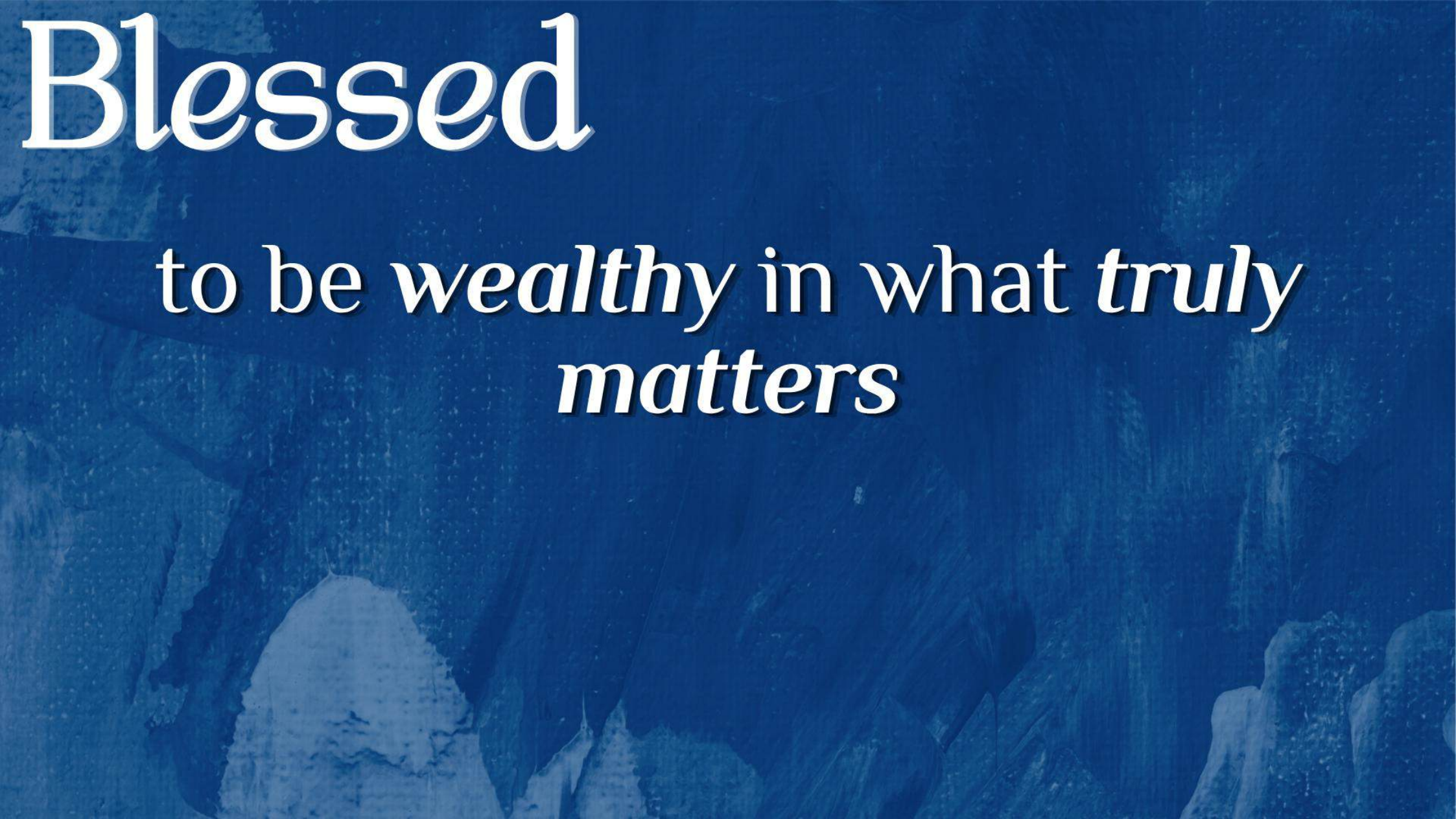
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- Identified with, represent – “on account of the Son of Man”

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The background is a monochromatic blue image of a rugged, rocky landscape. A waterfall is visible on the right side, cascading down a rocky ledge. The overall texture is grainy and artistic, with various shades of blue creating depth and contrast.

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to be *wealthy* in what *truly*
matters

Broken Reality

The background of the image is a deep, dark blue with a complex, textured appearance. It features a network of lighter blue and white lines and patches that create a sense of depth and movement, similar to a cracked surface or a microscopic view of a material. The overall effect is somber and evocative, complementing the title 'Broken Reality'.

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Living in *reality* or a *make-believe* bubble

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Ecclesiastes 7:1–5 – “A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of face the heart is made glad. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools.”

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The brokenness and corruption of life –
in and *around* every person – is
something that must be *honestly* dealt
with if we are to *find hope* in the journey

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1. Your **value** is measured by belonging to the **benevolent Sovereign**, instead of worldly **material** and human **status**

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2. Your **satisfaction** is found in His **presence** and **likeness** instead of just **feeding** your **appetites**

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3. Your **joy** is found in His **delight** instead of masking **brokenness**

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*Those who insist on living in the make-believe (**lies**) will **hate** the **Truth** and those who **represent** it*



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You were designed for *satisfaction* that cannot be fully *experienced* under the sun. Your *complete* satisfaction will be realized in the *presence* of the *Son*

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“Living by faith” is living with the *end in view*

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*(congregation will please read the **BOLD** text)*

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ!*

According to His great mercy, He has
caused us to be born again to a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead,

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to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, we have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of our faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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Though we have not seen Him, we love Him.

Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.”

1 Peter 1:3-9

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2 Corinthians 4:16–17 – “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.”