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## APPENDIXES 126 to 128. 126 THE EIGHT BEATITUDES OF MATT. 5, AND THE EIGHT WOES OF MATT. 23. The eight Beatitudes of Matt. 5. 3-12 are best understood and interpreted by the eight contrasts, or "Woes" of 23. 13-33. The comparison shows that 5. 10-12 form one (the eighth) Beatitude, having one subject (persecution) corresponding with the eighth "Woe" of 23. 29-33. They may be thus set out:— "THE BEATITUDES" (5.3-12). "THE WOES" (23.13-33). The kingdom opened to the poor (v. 3). The kingdom shut (v. 13). Mourners distressed (v. 14). Fanatics compassing the earth (v. 15). 2. Comfort for mourners (b. 4). 3. The meek inheriting the earth (v. 5). 4. False righteousness sought by casuistry (vv. 16-22). 5. Mercy "omitted" and "left undone" (vv. 23, 24). 6. Purity without, uncleanness within. "Blindness" True righteousness sought by true desire (v. 6). 5. The merciful obtaining mercy (v. 7). 6. Purity within, and the vision of God hereafter (v. 8) (vv. 25, 26). 7. Hypocrites, and lawless (vv. 27, 28). 8. The persecutors (vv. 29-33). 7. Peacemakers, the sons of God (v. 9). 8. The persecuted (vv. 10-12). Beside these eight contrasts there is an internal correspondence of the principal thoughts, suggested by the combined series, and forming the Structure given in the note on Matt. 5.3, 4. It may be further noted that these Beatitudes rest on special passages in the Psalms: Matt. 5.3 (Ps. 40.17); 5.4 (Ps. 119.136); 5.5 (Ps. 37.11); 5.6 (Ps. 42.1, 2); 5.7 (Ps. 41.1); 5.8 (Ps. 24.4; 73.1); 5.9 (Ps. 133.1); 5.10 (Pss. 37; 39; 40).

1. George Barna Research on The Church:

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