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47And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
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- ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
- ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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