

The image shows the spine of an old, thick book with many pages, bound in dark brown leather. The book is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its spine facing right. The pages are aged and yellowed, and the leather shows signs of wear and discoloration. The background is a dark, solid color, possibly black or dark brown, which makes the book and the text stand out.

Matthew's Messiah

*The life and ministry of Jesus
from Matthew's perspective*

Now when Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up on a mountainside
and sat down. His disciples came
to him, ² and he began
to teach them.

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

⁴ Blessed are **those who mourn**,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are **the meek**,
for they will inherit the earth.

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

⁷ Blessed are **the merciful**,
for they will be shown mercy.

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

⁹ **Blessed are the peacemakers,**
for they will be called
children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are
persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people
insult you, persecute you and
falsely say all kinds of evil against
you because of me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.