#### Matthew 5:3-10

#### **Arch Structure**

#### CONDITION

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES** Arch / Keystone

**OUTCOME** 

Blessed are... 1

Blessed are...

Blessed are... 3

Blessed are...

Blessed are... 5

Blessed are...

Blessed are... 7

Blessed are...

the poor in spirit

they that mourn

the meek

they that hunger and thirst after righteousness

the merciful

the pure in heart

the peacemakers

those persecuted for righteousness' sake, reproached and accused falsely of evil theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

they shall be comforted.

they shall inherit the earth.

they shall be filled.

they shall obtain mercy.

they shall see God.

they shall be called sons of God.

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

#### **Chiastic Structure**

#### Ring with one Condition (Blessed)

**Poor** Mourn humble repentant **Persecuted** Meek suffers for god accomodating Blessed **Peacemakers** Hungry loves enemies seeks god

> Pure a little child

Merciful

loves like god

Continuous chiasm (ABC)

- Closed: eternity/stasis
- No change to Condition (a set of goals)
- 8-sided geometry

#### Luke 6:21-26

#### **Arch Structure**

#### CONDITION

## Blessings

- 1 Blessed are you
- 2 Blessed are you
- 3 Blessed are you
- 4 Blessed are you

#### Woes

- 5 Woe unto those
- 6 Woe unto those
- 7 Woe unto those
- 8 Woe unto those

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES Arch / Keystone

who are poor

who hunger now

who weep now

whom men hate and separate from, and reproach and call "evil" because of the Son of Man

who are rich

who are full

who laugh now

of whom all men speak well

#### **OUTCOME**

yours is the kingdom of God.

you shall be filled.

you shall laugh.

you are persecuted unjustly.

you received your consolation.
you shall hunger.
you shall mourn and weep.
you are living falsely.

#### **Chiastic Structure**

#### (X) with two Conditions (Blessed / Woeful)

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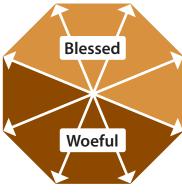
Poor humble Hungry seeks god

Contrasting chiasm (ABBA)

- Open: eternal growth
- Reversals in Condition (a set of concepts)
- 8-sided geometry



**Laughing** *unrepentant* 



Full satisfied

Rich extravagant **Weeping** repentant

Hated treated as a slave