

**Matthews Gospel Series "Sermon On The Mount"**  
**"The Riches Of Poverty"**  
Matthew 5:1-3  
Part-8

**The Setting Of The Sermon:** This message was given during our Lord's Galilean ministry • Matt 4:12-18:35

- Matt 4:12-17
- Matt 4:18-22 Jesus call to Himself Peter, Andrew, James and John.
- Matt 4:23-25
  
- Matt 5:1

He went up on the mountain; Where? The traditional view is that it was on the hill side that slops down to the banks of the Sea of Galilee.

6- Pictures of Mount of Beatitudes

and after He sat down, In the time of Jesus the Rabbis and teachers sat as the people stood around them and listened.

His disciples came to Him. The term Disciple - "learner" "follower" "pupil".....it is one who follows both the teacher and the teaching. A disciple never graduates from the school of discipleship, you don't become a religious expert!

**The Key To The Sermon on The Mount is the audience:** Jesus is teaching and reaching His disciples in a setting of a multitude:

- Matt 7:28-29
  
- Matt 5:2

opening His mouth He began to teach them What was the purpose of this sermon that Jesus was giving. What was His aim?

**The Purpose Of The Sermon:** There are 4 views regarding the purpose of Jesus Sermon:

1. Some say that Jesus was setting up a new standard by which man

could be saved. The Law was given on the Mountain as in Exodus 20:1-20 The Sermon was presented to the people on the mountain as was noted in • Matt.5:1-2.

- Galatians 3:23-24

2. Some look at the Sermon on the Mount as an ideal but an Impossible Standard. (Liberal View)

3. Some view this sermon as pertaining to life only in the Millennial Kingdom. (Dispensational View) • Revelation 20

4. This is a sermon addressed to the subjects of Christ's kingdom. Those that are Christians, disciples of Jesus Christ:

(Standard and Practice) This is the standard of a Christian, not optional but essential. If we do not consider this message important it may mean that we may not be a Christian!

**The Key Verse: • Matthew 5:20**

**Outline of The Sermon on The Mount:**

Matt 5:3-12 Christian Character:

Matt 5:13-16 Christian Influence:

Matt 5:17-48 Christian Righteousness:

Matt 6:1-18 Christian Devotion:

Matt 6:19-34 Christian Ambition:

Matt 7:1-20 Christian Relationships:

Matt 7:21-27 Christian Commitment:

- Matt 5:3-12 We start with what are **called "The Beatitudes" meaning "Have these attitudes" or "Beautiful Attitude"**

They are not called "Do-Attitudes"....It's what we are ...Characteristics of a Kingdom-Liver The Character of the Christian..... There are 8 Beatitudes:

Beatitudes 1-4 Our Response to God (Poor, Mourn, Gentle, Hunger)

Beatitudes 5-8 Our Response to Man (Merciful, Pure, Peace Maker, Persecuted)

1. This message is positive. All eight characteristics that we should display in our lives are introduced with the word, "blessed."

2. This teaching is filled with paradoxes. A paradox is something that is contradictory to what we'd normally expect. • Luke 17:33

His life was a paradox –

3. The Beatitudes are progressive.

### **Four Questions this morning:**

1. Who Are The Blessed?
2. What Is Poor In Spirit?
3. What Is The Blessing Of Being Poor In Spirit?
4. How Does One Become Poor In Spirit?

### **1. Who Are The Blessed?**

- Matthew 5:3

"Blessed" "Oh how happy.....To be envied...happiness" This word was used of Greek gods that alone were said to have possessed a joy and happiness that could only be enjoyed in the divine.

Blessed (Happiness) is the divine, God's approval upon us, Literally "The applause of heaven" a result of God Himself being pleased with us. That if we truly want God, if we truly want the spiritual than these beatitudes are for us.

- Psalm 32:1-2

Who Are The Blessed? Those that God approves, heavens applause, they have the blessing from Him. (Those who have longed for God's approval over people.)

### **2. What Is Poor In Spirit?**

- Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,

#### **5 Things that "Poor in Spirit" is not! • Luke 6:20**

1. Poor in spirit is **not speaking of being physically poor.**  
Those lacking in material.
2. Poor in spirit is **not Monasticism** - voluntary poverty or self-abasement.

3. Poor in spirit is **not being Non-Assertive** -
4. Poor in spirit is **not Great Thinkers....the Educated** -
5. Poor in spirit is **not false humility** - "I am nothing...I'm just A nobody"

Poor in spirit – notice that it is a spiritual condition. We miss that this is the spiritual that transforms us from the inside out!

**Poor - means "Destitute...having no sufficiency in self."** Vacant of self, beggarly poor, would give the idea of a beggar so humble that his face is hidden, so dependent that without help would perish.

**"Blessed are those who are so desperately poor in their spiritual resources that they realize they must have help from outside sources."**

**Jacob** – the trickster that wrestled with God, who was finally depleted of self! • Gen. 32:29

**Moses** – Who God choose and appeared to him. • Exodus 3:11

**Gideon** – God called him to be a judge and deliverer. • Judges 6:15

**Isaiah** – God revealed Himself and commissioned him. • Isa. 6:5

**David** – God called him to be king then told him that his descendent would be the Lord. • 2 Sam.7:18

**Peter** – God calling him to discipleship. • Luke 5:8

**Paul** – there was a thorn in Paul's flesh, he asked God to take it but God said no. • 2 Cor.12:10

Justification By Faith: • Eph 2:8-9

Romans 11:6

### **3. What Is The Blessing Of Being Poor In Spirit?**

Matthew 5:3 for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" The Pro-noun is emphatic - Literally "theirs and theirs alone is the kingdom of heaven."

- Isa. 57:15

God hates pride.....Spiritual pride: • Isa.66:1-2

- James 4:10
- 1 Peter 5:5-7

### **What Is The Blessing Of Being Poor In Spirit?**

1. Approved by God: (Blessed) We receive the applause of heaven.
2. We inherit the Kingdom:
3. We maintain spiritual growth:

### **4. How Does One Become Poor In Spirit?**

- Matthew 5:3

#### **3 Thing you need to do:**

1. Need to look at God - not self, or man: Do I want God's approval more than anything?
2. Deny yourself - (Say no to self)
3. Ask God.....BEG! "God, be merciful to me, the sinner."

- Luke 18:9-14

#### **Application:**

**1. Who Are The Blessed? Approved of God, heavens applause.**

**2. What Is Poor In Spirit? Bankrupt, nothing to offer to God.**

**3. What Is The Blessing Of Being Poor In Spirit?**

1. Blessed is approved by God.
2. We inherit the Kingdom.
3. God can work in and thru us.

**4. How Does One Become Poor In Spirit?**

1. See Jesus

2. Deny Yourself
3. Ask