

Beatitudes: Characteristics from the Heavenly Realm

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-8

I. “Poor In Spirit” – Being Saved from Ourselves!

A. What Do the words “Poor in spirit” and “kingdom of heaven” Mean?

1. People misunderstand their Bible when they read it from a human perspective and not a divine perspective.
 - a. So the question is not, “What do *I* think it means?” Rather, the question is, “what does God say it means”

Isaiah 55:8-9

1 Corinthians 2:14

Luke 21:2

Luke 16:20-21

- b. “*Poor in spirit*” has nothing to do with being “poor in purse.” But everything to do w/a person’s *spirit*.

2. A “Kingdom” require two things: a king, and a Realm over which he rules. Matthew speaks of 3 realms...

Matthew 25:34

Matthew 16:18-19

Matthew 6:10

B. What Did It Mean in the Life of Christ?

1. From the beginning to the end, Jesus models what it means to be "*poor in spirit.*"
 - a. When I say "beginning," I'm not talking about a manger in Bethlehem....

Philippians 2:5-8a

John 5:19

John 12:49-50

Philippians 2:8b

1 Peter 2:23

C. What It Should Mean in Our Lives?

1. Being "*poor in spirit*" is NOT only for "mature" believers. It is required of every "*disciple.*"
 - a. In all of our relationships...

Matthew 28:19

Luke 19:26

Genesis 29:30-31

- b. In every aspect of our lifestyle...

Luke 19:27

2. Being "*poor in spirit*" is the divinely ordained solution to many of the problems we face in in this life.
 - a. When we are struggling in various relationships, it may be because ...

Ephesians 5:21-22, 25

Philippians 2:3-4

CONCLUSIONS: Citizens of heaven know in order for them to be there, they first had to become "*poor in spirit*" here!

Matthew 6:10

Matthew 28:19-20