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"POOR IN SPIRIT"

(Matthew 5:1-3)

INTRODUCTION - "And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Blessed are those" - It's the good things that come from God, and they are not dependent on outward circumstances. It's the joy that no one can take from us, even if they take our physical life. We are to look for "bliss" in the right places.

If I am not "poor in spirit," I will miss entering "the kingdom of heaven."
(James 4:10) "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up"

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE "POOR IN SPIRIT"?

1. **It's the opposite of being "rich in spirit"** - one full of themselves; pride; inflated ego; self-satisfaction and self-righteous; seeing they need no help from God.

2. **To be a "beggar"** - blessed are the ones, who, in their self-estimate of their spiritual condition, are beggars, spiritually desperate. A spiritual pauper.

3. **It's realizing our own worthlessness.**

(Isaiah 6:5) "I am a man of unclean lips"

(Romans 3:10) "There is none righteous, no, not one"

4. **It's to be spiritually bank-rupt** - legally declared unable to pay your debt.

Hymn #476 "He paid a debt He did not owe, I owed a debt I could not pay"

5. **It's a "broken spirit"** - (Psalm 51:17) "The sacrifices of God are a broken-spirit, a broken and a contrite heart - these, O God, You will not despise."

6. **Illustrated in (Luke 18:9-14)** "Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others. Two men went ... "

7. **Illustrated in (Acts 8:26-40)**

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Rock of Ages hymn: "vile, I to the fountain fly, wash me, Savior, or I die."