

- In 1707, wrote “Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed.”
- “Would he devote that sacred head for such a one as I?”
- Original, “... devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?”
- Changed in many hymn books because we are uncomfortable with that image.



Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.”

Matthew 5:3

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THE POOR IN SPIRIT

Matthew 5:1-3

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The Poor In Spirit:

Matt. 5:3

- **Starting At the End:**
 - **Blessed – approved by God.**
 - **Kingdom – “uniquely references the reign and rule of God in men and women’s hearts”** (Mark Roberts, *The Sermon on the Mount for Everyone*).
 - **If we want to be in the “kingdom of heaven” we must bend the knee to Jesus.**
 - **Must *want* to do that!**

The Poor In Spirit:

Matt. 5:3

- Starting At the End.
- **Poor In Spirit:**
 - **Means we understand how bankrupt we are before God.**

“How blest are those who know
their need of God.”

Matthew 5:3

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The Poor In Spirit:

Matt. 5:3

- Starting At the End.
- **Poor In Spirit:**
 - Means we understand how bankrupt we are before God.
 - God has always called the spiritually poor to Himself. **Isa. 41:17-18; 61:1-2**
 - There is no room for the proud and the self-filled in the kingdom of God.

The Poor In Spirit:

Matt. 5:3

- Starting At the End.
- Poor In Spirit.
- **Blessed *are*:**
 - **Luke 18:10-14**
 - **Being poor in spirit changes...**
 - **How I see God.**
Lk. 18.11,13
 - **How I see others.**
Lk. 18:11b; Eph. 4:32

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