

The Blessings Of Kingdom Politics



BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT



“Poverty” Stems From Brokenness

- **Effects Of Sin In The Garden** (Genesis 3)
 - Broken World: Death, Pain, Labor
 - Broken Relationships: Shame, Blame, Conflict
 - Broken Lives: Fear, Insecurity, Guilt, Shame
- **The Gospel Is The “Good News” Of The Kingdom** - Matthew 4:23; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:43; 16-30
- **Matthew 5:3** - “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven”



Who Are These “Poor”?

- **“Penei”?** Laborer; refers to the working poor – those who are able to earn just enough to make it through the day. This is not the word used in this Beatitude.
- **“Ptochos”?** To shrink, cower, or cringe. Beggars completely dependent upon the kindness and compassion of others. Used in this Beatitude.
 - **Widow:** Mark 12:43
 - **Lazarus:** Luke 16:20-21
 - **The Uninvited:** Luke 14:21



“The Poor In Spirit”

- **Material Possessions Have No Necessary Relationship To Spiritual Blessings**
 - **Jesus** - Matthew 8:20
 - **Paul** - Acts 20:34
 - **Rich Christians** - 1 Timothy 6:6-17
- **Those Convicted By Their Spiritual Poverty** - Luke 15:18-19; 18:13; Romans 12:3; Philippians 2:3-4
- **It's About Humility, Devotion, & Dependence** - Philippians 3:8-11; Titus 3:3-5; Revelation 3:17



God Accepts The Spiritually Poor

Isaiah 57:15 - For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”

Isaiah 66:1-2 - Thus says the Lord: “Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,” Says the Lord. “But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.”



**Are You
Spiritually
Bankrupt?**