

The Beatitudes

Seeing Yourself Clearly

Points to consider

1. The Poor in Spirit
2. The Mournful
3. The Meek

The Poor in Spirit

Matt 5:1-3 *And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

1 Timothy 1:11 refers to God as the blessed God.

We are blessed when there is _____ gap between how we live and how we should live.

We are blessed when we are poor in spirit the way we _____ be.

The word "poor" means someone who is a _____ or pauper.

Acts 3:2-3 *And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple*

A beggar knows he does _____ deserve the blessings he is requesting.

A beggar knows that he _____ earn the blessings he is requesting.

A beggar knows he is at the _____ of the one he is imploring for help.

Matt 15:22 *And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." ... 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."*

This lady came begging Jesus to show mercy on her and heal her daughter. She was not afraid to see herself as a _____ under the table eating crumbs from the master's table.

Luke 5:5-8 *But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"*

When Peter realized he was a sinner and Jesus was the son of God, he fell on his knees and _____ Jesus to depart from him.

Jesus comforted him later by telling him not to be afraid and that he would be a fisher of men.

The message of the kingdom starts with an acknowledgment that we are spiritually _____ and owe a debt we cannot pay. The Jews came into the kingdom by way of birth. They felt entitled to the special relationship they shared with God. That's not the message of the kingdom!

The only ones who can enter into the kingdom are those who realized they can _____ be worthy. They are spiritual _____ on their knees asking for mercy.

The Mournful

2 Kings 22:18-20 *But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, in this manner you shall speak to him, 'Thus says the Lord God of Israel: "Concerning the words which you have heard — 19 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says the Lord. 20 Surely, therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place.'"* So they brought back word to the king.

When Josiah heard of the sin of his people, he tore his clothes and _____ before the Lord.

Josiah was _____ by God because he was mournful.

Neh 9:27-28 *Therefore You delivered them into the hand of their enemies, Who oppressed them; And in the time of their trouble, When they cried to You, You heard from heaven; And according to Your abundant mercies You gave them deliverers who saved them From the hand of their enemies. 28 "But after they had rest, They again did evil before You. Therefore You left them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had dominion over them; Yet when they returned and cried out to You, You heard from heaven; And many times You delivered them according to Your mercies*

The Lord often comforted his people when they cried out to him by _____ them from their enemies.

Luke 7:36-39 *Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. 37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, 38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.*

This woman was not too _____ to cry at Jesus' feet because of her own sin. She did not care what people thought about her. She was spiritually bankrupt to the point of humiliating herself before others to get Jesus' _____.

Luke 22:59-62 *Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not*

know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." 62 So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

After Peter denied the Lord three times, he went out and wept _____.

John 21:17-19 *Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. 18 Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." 19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."*

At first Peter did not feel comforted by the words of Jesus. He seemed rather annoyed. However, Jesus told him what death he would die that would bring _____ to God. I think Peter ultimately gained a _____ comfort from this interaction he had with Jesus.

The Meek

Matt 21:4-5 *All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"*

The prophets spoke that the _____ would be a meek individual.

Matt 11:29-30 *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Jesus refers to himself as _____ and lowly in heart.
The members of the kingdom must become _____ the king.

Num 12:1-3 *Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman. 2 So they said, "Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?" And the Lord heard it. 3 (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)*

Meek people are not weak. A meek person is one who is able to _____ his power.
A meek person never _____ his rights to the detriment of others.

Ex 24:16-18 *Now the glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.*

Moses had the _____ to do what no other man would do.
Kingdom of Heaven, comfort, and the earth can all be yours if you are poor in spirit, mournful over your sinS, and meek.