

Series: Sermon on the Mount
Message – “How to Be Blessed and Poor”

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Matthew 5:3

The Big Idea: True spirituality begins with a deep understanding of just how God dependent I am. God isn't just a crutch, He's everything I need.

I. Review – the most powerful sermon ever preached

- A. It's Jesus' FIRST message
- B. It touches on TIMELY and challenging topics
- C. It takes SUPERFICIAL religion head on

II. A closer look at the Beatitudes

A. All of them as a GROUP

1. Their STRUCTURE

- ASCRPTION
- DESCRIPTION
- PROMISE

2. Their CHARACTERISTICS

- PARADOX
- UPEND the world's values
- RESULT of Holy Spirit's power

B. The first and FOUNDATIONAL one – blessed are the poor

1. Who are the POOR?

- This is not a MATERIAL poverty
- This is not a matter of SELF-IMAGE
- This is a SPIRITUAL bankruptcy
 - PENICHROS
 - PTOCHOS

2. Who are the BLESSED and poor?

- Many BIBLICAL examples
- How do we get THERE?
 - ACCEPT God's estimation of yourself
 - Keep your FOCUS on Christ
 - Pray daily, God keep me poor in MYSELF but mighty in RELIANCE on You

III. What we take away...

No matter how long you're a Christian, never get over the fact that God loves you, He forgave you and He wants to be with you forever! And it's all of grace!