

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for January 22, 1984

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit
Matthew 5:1-3
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1. What does it mean to be poor in spirit?

Blessed: Happy

No matter what the outward circumstances, we who know Christ can always be happy.

The Sermon on the Mount is an example of what Christ was teaching as He went about Galilee.

The beatitudes are characteristics of what Christians should be.

Poor in spirit: Talking about the human spirit, sees ones self as unable to bring glory to God. Psalm 34:18, knowing we can offer nothing pleasing to God in our own strength.

Luke 18: 9-14 a man poor in spirit.

By God's grace we get a glimpse of who God really is and know that we are unworthy to stand before Him.

Knowing we are poor in spirit:

Thanksgiving, knowing that anything that is good, lasting and eternal is a gift from God. Prayer, our relationship with others is forgiving. A forgiven man forgives others. We will not have a grumbling spirit.

2. What is the result?

We **KNOW** that we are children of God.