

## Blessed are the poor in spirit

### I. Introduction-

#### A. The sermon on the mount-

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Whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. I John 2:5

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#### B. The making of a disciple-

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### II. Blessed are those who.....

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Mathew 5:10

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#### A. Being blessed (Makarios) defines a new reality that we experience-

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mat 5:3

Giving thanks to the Father, He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:15

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

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#### B. Jesus spoke with the authority to command-

The angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:10

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." John 14:6

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. . I Pet 2:24

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Mathew 5:17

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? Luke 6:46

Propitiation; an expiatory sacrifice of blood to pay for sin

Lord; one having power and authority over others

### **C. Jesus the Lord, Ruler, of all that exist in our physical reality**

#### **III. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven-**

##### **A. Have this attitude and mind that Jesus had-**

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Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind (attitude) among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:3

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. John 5:19

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. Jn 15:5

Blessed; *makarios, happy, blessed*

Poor; *ptōchos*, reduced to begging, asking alms  
destitute of wealth, influence, position, honor

Mind, attitude; *phroneō, a way to think or to view reality (worldview)*

##### **B. Finding spiritual power in Christ-**

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I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:12

He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. II Corinthians 12:9

#### **IV. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:2**

##### **A. The obvious problem for me and you-**

1. We all sin and fall short-

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. I John 1: 9 & 10

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. Romans 3:22

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. Mat 5:21

Propitiation; an expiatory sacrifice of blood to pay for sin

##### **B. The good news**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. Rom 6:3

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God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. II Corinthians 5:20

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Mathew 4:17

Repentance: *metanoēō*, to change one's mind, or direction,

to change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins

##### **V. Summary and application- The final exam-**

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"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." Mathew 7:21

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