

**Love Your Neighbor**  
**The Beatitudes-Poor in Spirit**  
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**The Good Life...**

- Matthew 4:12-17, The Kingdom of Heaven came near to Galilee of the godless Gentiles!
- Matthew 4:23-25, The Good News of the Kingdom was for the hurting & hopeless...
- As it is written:    Hosea 1:10b      Isaiah 65:1      Hosea 2:23

**GOD's Story— Fortunate are the Poor in Spirit, Matthew 5:3**

➤ **Matthew 5:3-6**

"Blessed are the spiritual zeros—the spiritually bankrupt, deprived and deficient;  
the spiritual beggars, those without a wisp of religion." (Willard, p.100)  
Now the Kingdom of Heaven is available to *you*—it's one of your options now!

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

This remarkable statement of Jesus has elicited 2 responses in me:

1. Gratitude that the Kingdom of Heaven has come near and is available even to someone like me.
  
2. I have a different attitude now toward people I know and meet who just don't seem to get it...

**BIG Idea:**

**Right On!**