

The Kingdom Summit: Matthew 5:1-3.

Matthew 5:1-3. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, (2) and He began to teach them. He said: (3) “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

- 1. What does Jesus mean by “blessed”?**
- 2. Who is Jesus calling “poor in spirit”?**
- 3. Where is this Kingdom of Heaven?**
- 4. Why do they get it?**

Matthew 3:2. Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

Matthew 4:17. From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

Matthew 4:23,25. (Jesus) went through Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people... (25) Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and the region across the Jordan followed Him.

Matthew 5:1-2. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, (2) and He began to teach them.

Matthew 10:7. As you go, preach this message, ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is near.’

Matthew 7:28. When Jesus finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching.

Matthew 5:3. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 5:48. Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect...

David Guzik: In the Beatitudes, Jesus sets forth both the *nature* and the *aspirations* of citizens of His kingdom. They *have* and are *learning* these character traits.

First Question: What does Jesus mean by “blessed”?

William Barclay: *Makarios* then describes that joy which is... serene and untouchable, and self-contained, that joy which is completely independent of all the chances and changes of life.

Second Question: Who’s Jesus calling “poor in spirit”?

John Calvin: He only who is reduced to nothing in himself, and relies on the mercy of God, is *poor in spirit*.

Matthew 7:21. Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven.

John 6:40. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

Question Three: Where is the Kingdom of Heaven?

Matthew 6:9-10. Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, (10) your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Matthew 6:33. But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 18:17. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

Question Four: Why do they get it? Why don’t we get it?

Acts 1:8. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 28:31. Boldly and without hinderance he preached the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.