

CHOSEN 2
Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit
Matthew 5:3
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John the Baptist is the last Old Testament prophet assigned to herald the coming of the Messiah.

*From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven **has come near.**"* Matthew 4:17 NIV

Jesus invites us to a new way of living:
*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am **gentle and humble in heart**, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

Trade your burdens for His rest:
Your neediness and weakness for His tender care and limitless strength
The chaos and confusion for His peace.
Your brokenness for His wholeness.

Can you accept the reality of being sons and daughters of the Most High God?

Clip #1: Encounter with the Samaritan Traders

How could James and John think He would sign off on their plan to use Heaven to kill these rude Samaritans?

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE POOR IN SPIRIT

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

Self-sufficiency and pride are against what it means to be poor in spirit.

A person who is poor in spirit is one who is ready and willing to look to God for help because:

The Parable Of The Wheat And The Tares Matthew 13:24-30

This is an age of planting and growing and producing fruit. God is calling people from every tribe, nation and tongue to build His Kingdom.

LIVING IN THE NEW REALITY OF THE KINGDOM

Jesus ushered into this world His Kingdom.

ACCESS TO THE KING

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body...Hebrews 10:19-22 NIV

ACCESS TO THE KING'S POWER

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:7 NIV

THE ATTENTION OF THE KING

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.
Hebrews 7:25 NIV

THE PRESENCE OF THE KING WITH US

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you.
John 14:26 NAS

Clip #2: Jesus and disciples at Melech's farm

The Kingdom of Heaven is the good news that even though we live in a broken world we are not alone and not without power of God in our lives.

*But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:
"God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble."
James 4:6 NIV*