

Intro:

1 Samuel 2:6-8.

Main Point of Text: King Jesus says it is good to reject yourself as no earthly good so you can receive His heavenly goodness.

Sermon Point: *Happy is He Who Cries, "Woe is Me!"*

Move 1: How happy are you who have Christ and His Kingdom.

"for theirs is the kingdom of heaven": the reward of the poor in spirit. *What* you received. The great exchange: your poverty for Christ's riches. You have a wonderful future kingdom of glory; and a promising present kingdom of grace (WSC 102): "is". You now possess: "theirs". You have heard Christ, so He has laid His healing hand upon your weary soul: *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me ... he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted ...* (Isa. 61:1; Lk. 4:16-21). Phil. 4:13; Heb. 12:28; **Rev. 2:8-9, 10**; 3:21; 21:7; 22:5; 2 Pet. 1:10-11; ... *walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.* (1 Thess. 2:11-12).

Move 2: How happy are you who know you need to have Christ and His Kingdom.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit": the receivers of the reward. *How* you received. Christ forgives the debts of those who declare personal bankruptcy. All are morally destitute, but few accept/acknowledge it. The poor in spirit are like Paul in Phil. 3:7-9. Such have a true view of themselves in view of God, like Ps. 73:21-22. They say Gen. 32:10; Lk. 15:17, 21; Mt. 3:11; Lk. 18:13. If you are poor in spirit, you are not proud of heart. You boast of no self-assertion, reliance, or confidence, like the spirit of another church in Rev. **(3:14-18)**; Isa. 55:1ff). Lk. 14:26: *If any man come to me, and hate not ... his own life ... he cannot be my disciple.* The humble preacher approaches the pulpit with 2 Cor. 2:16. Your response to the preaching humbly reflects 2 Cor. 10:5.

Conclusion:

Isa 6:5-7; John 12:41.

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