

The Riches of Spiritual Poverty

Matthew 5:3

True blessedness is for God to show us our own spiritual bankruptcy before Him so that He can give us the Kingdom of His Son.

A “Blessed” condition.

Some misconceptions about being “poor in spirit”

Some Biblical examples of this blessed poverty

What are you before God Almighty?

A Glorious possession.

A “blessed” awareness from God’s Spirit

A “blessed” dependence on Jesus Christ

Are you truly blessed? If so, do you realize just how richly blessed you are?

Tabletalk Questions

For 10-4-09 sermon

“The Riches of spiritual poverty” Matthew 5:1-3

Why does Jesus start His Sermon on the Mount with this particular beatitude? What does He mean by “poor in spirit” (Ps.34:18; Isa.57:15; Luke 18:13; Jam.4:9,10)?

What is the difference between being “happy” and the Biblical truth of being “blessed” (Ps.65:4; 32:1,2; Matt.16:17)? Do you know many people who are “blessed” by God? Are you? How can you tell?

Is poverty of spirit something that even appeals to you? Why or why not?

Since everyone from Adam and Eve onward (except Jesus) is born in sin (Rom.5:12), what will make a person “poor in spirit”?

What is so “blessed” about possessing “the kingdom of heaven” (Luke 10:20; Rom.8:17; 1 Cor.1:21-23; Rev.1:5,6)?

What difference should our present possession of the kingdom of heaven make in how we live here on earth (our relationships, use of time and money, etc.)?