

## ***“Beatitudes #2”***

### Matthew 5:3-4 (Beatitudes – The Poor in Spirit and Those that Mourn)

Review: Sermon on the mount... V1 and 2 Say: ***“When He (Jesus) sat down, His disciples came to Him... He opened His mouth and taught them...”***

- Jesus is mainly teaching His disciples, this is a message for those that are saved, not the unsaved.
- It's obvious others were there listening and I'm sure some received the message and came to know the Lord!
  
- What does it mean to be blessed?
- Greek word translated blessed: **Makarios**, there is no precise English word for this Greek word..., **it's an inner contentment, a joy that never falters and can never be taken away.**
  
- **Matthew 5:3 (Text)** ***“Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.”***
  
- Blessed... More than a temporary or circumstantial feeling of happiness - blessed is a state of well-being in relationship to God!
- Poor in Spirit... **recognize they are in need of God's help.**
- Theirs is the Kingdom of God... ***The kingdom belongs to those confess their spiritual bankruptcy!***

### **Luke 18: 9-14 NKJV... (Read)**

- The poor in Spirit are those who are impoverished spiritually!

### **Isaiah 64:5b-6**

*“... You are indeed angry, for we have sinned – **in these ways we continue**; and we need to be saved. But we are **all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags; we all fade like a leaf and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.**”*

**Robert Jeffress:** *“When we come to God with nothing in our hands to offer but our spiritual bankruptcy, He gives us the key to heaven.”*

#### **Romans 3:10-11...23**

*“There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after GOD... For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of GOD.”*

- **Matthew 5:4 (Text)** *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”*
- The Spirit of God will comfort us when we suffer lose and mourn, **He see’s our tears...**
- **Hebrews 4:15** *“We do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but was on all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”*
- But here Jesus is mainly talking about us, mourning over our sin and the sin of the world!

**2 Corinthians 7:10** Paul says: *“The sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation.”*

- You will never turn from your sin until you are first broken over your sin.
- Peter went out and wept bitterly... after he denied Jesus three times...
- Paul grieved and mourned over his sin...

#### **Romans 7:23-25**

***"I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members... O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!***

- To those who mourn over sin... Jesus promises.
- They shall be comforted.

**Psalms 51:17** David Cried out in repentance:

***"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."***

**Isaiah 6:5** Isaiah cried out... ***"Woe is me! For I am lost; (undone) for I am a man of unclean lips; and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips..."***

- ***"Blessed are the poor in spirit... Blessed are those the mourn... For they shall inherit the Kingdom of God and will be comforted."***