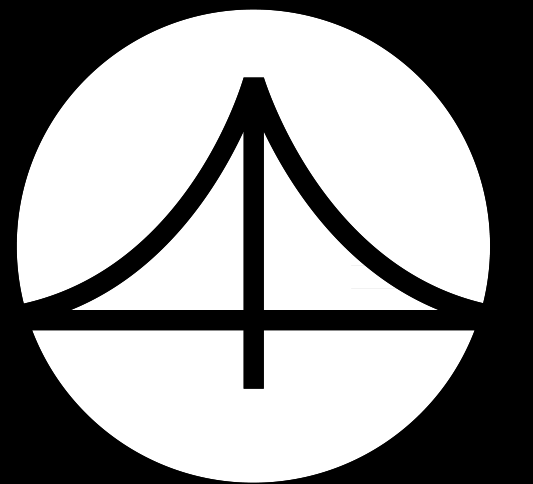


# Beatitudes: Poor in Spirit

Matthew 5:1-3



**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is  
the kingdom of heaven.**

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# What are Beatitudes?

- A list of the type of people who are blessed

**“I can think of nine whom I would call blessed, and a tenth my tongue proclaims: a man who can rejoice in his children; a man who lives to see the downfall of his foes. [Blessed is] the man who lives with a sensible wife, and the one who does not plow with ox and [donkey] together. [Blessed] is the one who does not sin with the tongue, and the one who has not served an inferior. [Blessed] is the one who finds a friend, and the one who speaks to attentive listeners. How great is the one who finds wisdom! But none is superior to the one who fears the Lord. Fear of the Lord surpasses everything; to whom can we compare the one who has it?”**

*– Sirach 25:7-11*

# What are Beatitudes?

- A list of the type of people who are blessed
- Blessed means:
  - Happy
  - Having God's approval or acceptance
  - The type of person we're meant to envy

# The Blessing

- The poor in spirit - those who come to God knowing there's nothing they can do to merit His favor
- Poor in spirit **DOESN'T MEAN** they think they're worthless or they're lazy

# Why We Resist It

- Pride - the attitude that looks at God and refuses to be poor before Him

# How to Be Changed

- As God, Jesus was rich
- But He lived out poverty in spirit more fully than anyone else in history
- Because He knew experientially that life works best when we live poor in spirit
- Jesus isn't just our example, He's also the Savior who rescues us from our pride

Matthew 5:1-3



# The Reward

- “For theirs is the kingdom of heaven”
- Jesus calls us to lay down everything in order to follow Him, but promises to give us back more than we ever gave up
- It’s here in part now, and one day we’ll experience it fully