

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5:3, NASB)

God has decreed the well-being of those who are
poor in spirit.

His sovereign word says they
will have abundant life and
will be “prosperous” and “successful” in an ultimate sense, beyond mere money.
But what does it mean to be “poor in spirit”?

To be poor is to lack possessions.

To be poor in regards to spirit is to have
a spirit, or a heart, that lacks possessions;
a spirit that does not “possess” or claim ownership of anything;
a spirit with no wealth, no glory, no will or way or strength of its own.

Such a spirit is what we had in Eden before the fall.
Then we were surrounded by God’s abundant gifts,
but none of them had taken root in our hearts.

We possessed nothing.

We clung to nothing.

We claimed ownership of nothing.

God was all-in-all, and
our spirits, hearts, and desires
were reserved for Him.

When we are again poor in spirit, possessing nothing as our own,
we are free to cling to God alone.

When we do, we enjoy all things in Him.

All He has, all He is, His entire Kingdom
is ours, and
we are entirely His.

Blessed indeed is such a person!

Hymn: [Poor in Spirit](#)