

Sermon Title:  
"The Be-Attitudes! Poor in Spirit"  
Matthew 5:3

INTRODUCTION:

**I. You will be blessed if you know what causes poverty of spirit.**

A. What does not cause poverty of spirit?

1. It does not mean to be poor emotionally or mentally.
2. It does not mean to be poor financially.

B. What does cause poverty of spirit?

1. The meaning of the word "poor."
2. Poverty of spirit comes from being "better" than the Pharisees.

**II. You will be blessed if you long for the kingdom of heaven!**

A. What does Matthew mean by "the kingdom of heaven?"

1. Uses of the phrase in Matthew.

- a) It is "at hand." 3:2, 4:17, 10:7, 13:11, 24, 31, 33, 44, 45, 47, 52, 16:19, 18:3, 4, 23, 19:12, 23, 20:1, 23:13, 25:1.
- b) It is a future reward. 5:10, 19, 20, 7:21; 8:11, 18:1.

2. We should long for something present and something future.

B. What will we do in heaven?

1. We will worship.
2. We will rule. Revelation 20:4.
3. We will rest. John 14:2
4. We will relate. Revelation 21, 22

CONCLUSION: