

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:3 NKJV

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Cross references:

Prov 16:19 - Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Isa 66:2 - For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist,” Says the Lord. “But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

Luke 6:20-23 - Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples and said: “Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man’s sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven.

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“God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Cross references:

Isa 57:15 - The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: “I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.

Matt 25:34 - Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.

BLESSED

What does BLESSED mean?

Strong's Concordance:

3107. μακάριος makarios mak-ar'-ee-os

a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off:--blessed, happy(X-ier).

What does "for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs" mean?

Strong's Concordance:

Salvation - 4982. σώζω sozo sode'-zo

from a primary sos (contraction for obsolete saos, "safe"); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literally or figuratively):--heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

READ: Notes on Matthew 5:3 from The Fire Bible and the New Spirit-Filled Bible