

SUMMER MELT
Week 1 – Poor In Spirit
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(MATTHEW 5:1) – Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed” from the Old Testament

- *Ashar, Esher – Meant HAPPY (or STRAIGHT)*
- *Barak, Baruch – Meant to BEND*

The Greek term for BLESSED in the New Testament...is **MAKARIOS**.

- Meaning: **“To lengthen or enlarge fortune”**

The ancient world commonly and progressively connected Makarios to:

- 1) **The gods** – Beings who existed beyond this world (with power and timeless enablement)
- 2) **The Deceased** – People who had passed from this life...into an eternal existence of reward
- 3) **The Rich / Elite** (still alive) – the people who lived at higher levels than the common person

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT:

“Poor in spirit” represents how you _____ yourself.

- Poor (ptochos) – lowly, poor, destitute, lacking
- Spirit (pneuma) – breath of God

LIFE APPLICATION:

The only posture that doesn’t fight God’s Sovereignty is one of _____.

The 3 most robust names in the book of Genesis were: Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph.

- ABRAHAM – Genesis 12–25
- JACOB – Genesis 25–49
- JOSEPH – Genesis 37–50

(GENESIS 50:26) – ²⁶ So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Humility also _____ my view of God.

HOW TO CULTIVATE DEEPER HUMILITY

1) _____ to God’s Word

2) Praying for _____

3) _____ Someone Who Is Humble

*** HOMEWORK –(Search and print the Humility List written by Mother Teresa in Calcutta, India) ***