

The Promise of the Poor

Matthew 5:1-3

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

5 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying ... (Matthew 5:1-2)

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'" (Matthew 7:21-23)

²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. (Matthew 7:28-29)

The Sermon on the Mount is *not* ...

The Sermon on the Mount is ...

_____ to enable us to live the Sermon on the Mount.

The teachings of the Sermon show me the absolute need of _____.

The more we practice these teachings, the more we experience _____.

Living the demands of the Sermon allows true Christians to _____ to the world authentic Christianity.

_____ holds the Beatitudes together ...

Key Terms:

" _____ " ...

To be blessed means fundamentally _____.

Since this is _____, there can be no higher "blessing" than this!

The ultimate blessing is the blessing of the _____ of God's _____ and the _____ of His _____.

" _____ " ...

Equated with ... _____

_____, not spatial

_____, not universal

_____ and _____

Not just salvation, but _____

The First Step into the Kingdom ... Poverty of Spirit

What poverty of spirit is *not*:

What poverty of spirit *is*:

Critical texts: Psalm 14:1-3; Romans 3:10-13

Poverty of spirit is necessary for God's _____ and my _____.

Poverty of spirit is necessary for _____.

Poverty of spirit is necessary for _____.

Poverty of spirit is necessary for _____.

The privileges of the Kingdom are only _____ by the poor in spirit.

For me today:

Am I "poor in spirit"?

How do I see myself before God?

How have I responded to God's offer of grace?

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!