



Scriptures for Life

Poor - Matthew 5:2, 3

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Matt. 5:2 and he began to teach them, saying: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

What does it mean to be poor in spirit? How can being poor in spirit open the path to the kingdom? The word “poor” carries a negative connotation to it. So why would YHWH desire anyone to be “poor”?

It seems being poor in spirit is to acknowledge and accept the state of our absolute spiritual depravity in the eyes of YHWH. It's to realize that we don't have anything of value, in and of ourselves, to bring before Him. To be poor in spirit is confessing we are completely left wanting spiritually on our own.

We can do nothing to save ourselves from our hopelessness. Yashua is saying that no matter your position, prestige, or influence you may have in this world, you must acknowledge your spiritual poverty if you desire to come to YHWH in faith and receive His salvation.

We have to rely on what He has given if we are to seek eternal life. We have to acknowledge that we need what He has given. Are you in need? Are you Poor?

Let this be a focus in your time of meditation throughout the day. Until next time, Shalom.