

## The DOCTRINE OF SIN

### Lesson 4 - Blessed Bankruptcy Part 2

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Matthew 5:3

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

When the Glory of God Moves In then Sin Moves Out. Jonathan Edwards had declared war on sin in his life.

The greatest depression of all time was the black day when Adam sinned in the garden against God. We now therefore have no spiritual capital by which to commend ourselves before God. We are penniless and destitute before God because of sin.

If we would we would recover our lost inheritance and estate we must recognize and renounce our spiritual poverty. We must file spiritual bankruptcy in the court of heaven and plead for the spiritual riches in Christ.

#### The Picture of this beatitude:

It is not referring to \_\_\_\_\_ poverty.

This not talking about a poor \_\_\_\_\_.

This is not referring to someone with a false \_\_\_\_\_.

It is to recognize ones own spiritual state before a Holy God and our \_\_\_\_\_ falls woefully short. We come \_\_\_\_\_ handed before God.

The word spirit refers to all that I am on the \_\_\_\_\_, the depth of my being.

No one \_\_\_\_\_ into the kingdom of God. (Luke 18:9-14)

#### The Pronouncement of this beatitude:

The grace of God is greater than our sin.

For theirs and theirs \_\_\_\_\_ present tense right now, in the heart. All of the blessings of salvation begin to flow to the believer. No \_\_\_\_\_ else enters the kingdom of heaven.

Only when we compare ourselves with God will we truly see the extent of our total depravity and thus poverty of spirit.

What a great \_\_\_\_\_ you are and what a great \_\_\_\_\_ He is.

The Priority
The Promise
The Paradox
The Picture
The Pronouncement

Discussion:

Can you draw a word picture of your own spiritual poverty? In your word picture are you able to see things that aren't really part of your spiritual poverty that you thought might have been before (i.e. what is not spiritual poverty in your life). If so what are they?

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Where does the grace come from that flows from this Beatitude?

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Read Romans 3:21-26. In verse 25 he states a priority in His purpose. What priority does our redemption have in light of these priorities.

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How does this affect our understanding of this Beatitude?

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