



Be Blessed

Matthew 5:1-12

WHAT ARE THE BEATITUDES?

- Makarios= happy
- Jesus' paradoxical statements of joy.
- Blessed means fortunate, well off, or happy. However,
- Jesus is not talking about a superficial blessing; the beatitudes are not a promise of laughter, pleasure or earthy prosperity.
- They are EXCLAMATIONS: "O the blessedness of the poor in spirit.
- They are exclamations and declaration of WHAT IS.
- It is not a blessing which we will someday enter, it is something we have already entered.
- Jesus offers a blessing which is independent of outward circumstances.



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WHY DOES JESUS BEGIN WITH POOR IN SPIRIT?

- Jesus outlines the beatitudes,
- these are not optional nor arbitrary qualities we can pick and choose.
- He is intentional as he describes each one.
- **The beatitudes are the building blocks to living like Jesus.**



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There is, beyond any question, a very definite order in these Beatitudes. Jesus does not place them in their respective positions haphazardly or accidentally; there is what we may describe as a spiritual logical sequence to be found here. This, of necessity, is the one which must come at the beginning for the good reason that there is no entry into the kingdom of heaven, or the kingdom of God, apart from it. There is no-one in the kingdom of God who is not poor in spirit.



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WHAT DOES POOR IN SPIRIT MEAN?

- does not mean financial poverty
- “It does not mean to be “poor spirited”
- “to be poor in spirit, are those who realize they are morally, spiritually and physical bankrupt without the grace of God.”



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WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO BE POOR IN SPIRIT?

- **The poor in spirit are BROKEN.** Psalm 51:17, Psalm 34:18, Isaiah 57:15, Luke 18:9-14
- **The poor in spirit are HUMBLE.** Philippians 2:3-4.
- **The poor in spirit are DEPENDANT UPON GOD.** Proverbs 3:5-7; James 1:5,



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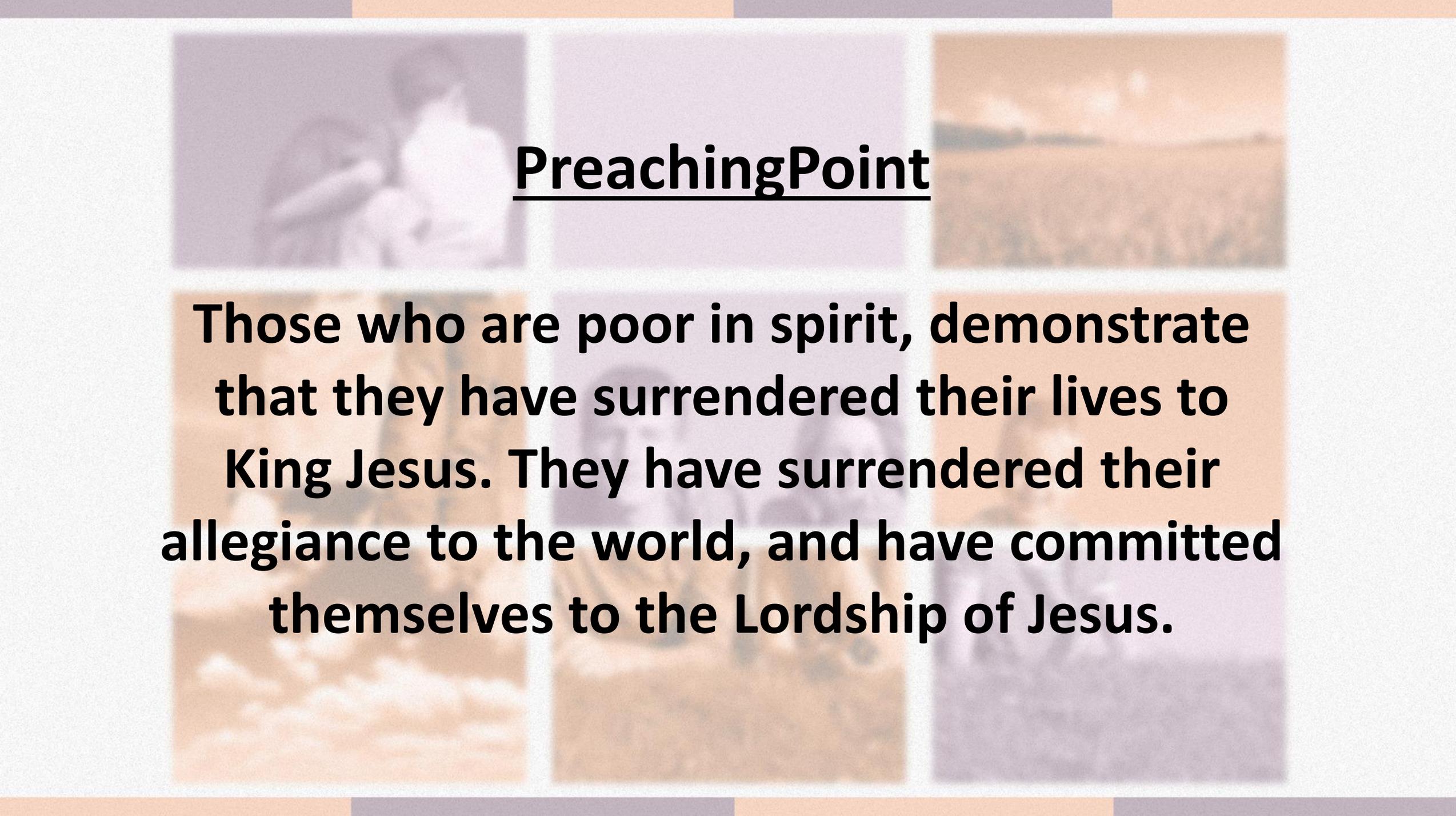
WHAT IS THE RESULT/CONSEQUENCE OF BEING POOR IN SPIRIT?

- “theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.” This should be seen more in the sense of consequence than of reward.
- It Is Their Possession.
- It Is Theirs Now!
- Philippians 2:10-11



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PreachingPoint

Those who are poor in spirit, demonstrate that they have surrendered their lives to King Jesus. They have surrendered their allegiance to the world, and have committed themselves to the Lordship of Jesus.