

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit
(The Beatitudes Part 1)

Matthew 5:1-7

Key Verse: 3

1. What did Jesus do when he saw the crowds? (1-2) Why did Jesus do this? How many times is the word “blessed” repeated in verses 3-12? What does it mean to be “blessed”?
2. What does “poor in spirit” mean? (3) How does a person become poor in spirit? (Ps 51:17) What does Jesus promise to those who are poor in spirit? What does this mean?
3. When do people usually mourn? (4) Why and how must we mourn? (2 Co 7:10) What blessing is given to those who mourn? (Psalm 32:1-5)
4. What does it mean to be meek? (5) How is it different from weakness? What reward do the meek receive? Can you think of examples from the Bible of people who were meek? (Ge 26:12-32; Nu 12:3) How did they experience the blessing of meekness? How did Jesus demonstrate meekness? (Php 2: 5-11)
5. What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? (6a; Ps 42:1-2) What blessing is given them? (6b; Jn 6:35) What is mercy? (7; Ps 78:38; Eph 2:4-5) How does a person become merciful? (Lk 6:36)