

Study Guide

The Radical Joy of God

“Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matt. 5:3-4

1. “Blessed” (*Makarios*)- *to be fully satisfied by being indwelt by God. (Strong’s)*
How is this definition different from what you would expect? Based on this definition, discuss evidence of God’s “blessing” in your life.

2. “Poor in Spirit”- (*Ptochos*)- *poor beyond the ability to help yourself; in need of an outside source. (Strong’s)* Have you ever been in a situation beyond the ability to help yourself? Discuss. Do you recognize we are always in state of total dependence on God? Discuss. How can this perspective open up a world of blessing to you?

3. “Mourn”- (*Pentheo*)- *to grieve or wail i.e. at the death of a friend. (Strong’s)*
Share an incident in your life that led you to mourning. Do you think it is good to mourn? How did that experience cause “less of you”, like the “death of a friend”, and more of God?

4. What follows being “poor in spirit” and “mourning” is “The Kingdom of Heaven” and “Comfort”. How is the Holy Spirit a “Comforter” to you? How is living with an awareness of the indwelt presence of God, a “blessing” to you? How is living with an awareness of the Holy Spirit in other believers a blessing to you?

Application- *Spend 5-10 minutes in silent prayer through these definitions. Perhaps play some quiet music in the background.*

Blessed- *To be fully satisfied by being indwelt by God.*

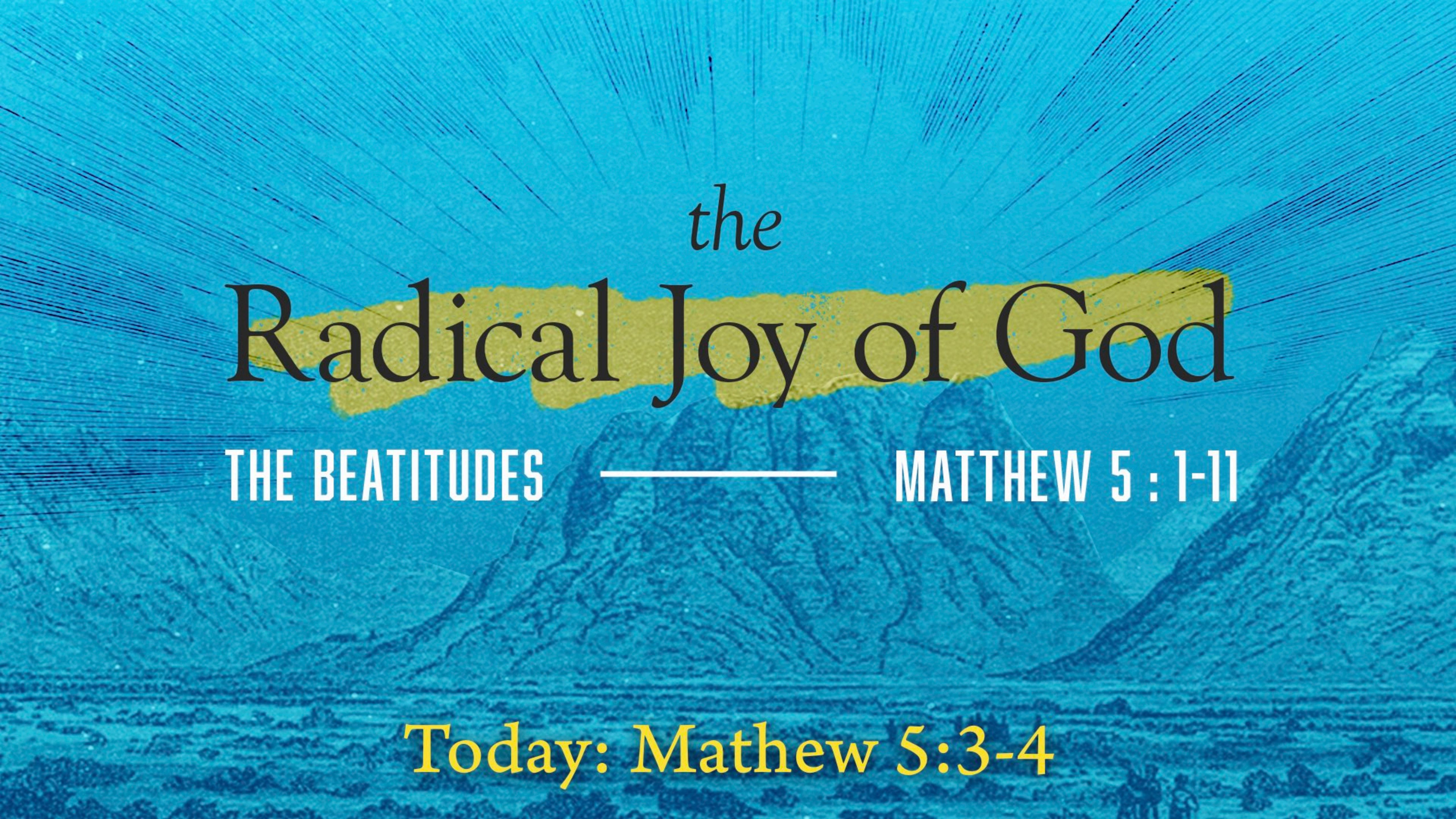
Poor in spirit- *bankrupt beyond measure.*

Mourn- *grieve the loss of my “false self”*

Comfort- *Indwelt by God (Holy Spirit)*

Kingdom of Heaven- *Now and Later*

Message Slides



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THE BEATITUDES

———— MATTHEW 5:1-11

Today: Mathew 5:3-4

I. BLESSED

Blessed (*Makarios*)- To be fully satisfied by being indwelt by God.

Makarios...fully independent of the world.

- *Strong's Concordance*

I. BLESSED

The radical joy of God!

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

I. BLESSED

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**”

- **Matthew 5:3-10**

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MATTHEW 5 : 1-11

II. POOR IN SPIRIT (v3)

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

Penes has nothing superfluous.

Ptochos has nothing at all.

II. POOR IN SPIRIT (v3)

The Rich Young Ruler

Mark 10:17-27

*Full satisfaction comes
to those who are
bankrupt beyond measure*



II. POOR IN SPIRIT (v3)

The Pious Leader

Luke 8:19-14



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II. POOR IN SPIRIT (v3)

***Full satisfaction
comes to those who
are bankrupt
beyond measure!***



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III. GETTING THERE (v3)

Poor in spirit = Kingdom of Heaven

Repent = Kingdom of Heaven is at hand

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III. GETTING THERE (v3)

How did I get here?

“And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling.” - **Jude 6**

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a **delight** to the eyes, and that the tree was to be **desired** to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. - **Genesis 3:6**

For the wages of sin is death...” - **Romans 6:23a**

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IV. MOURNING (v4)

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

Mourn (***Pentheo***) - to grieve; to wail; i.e. the ***death of a friend.***

- ***Strong's Concordance***

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V. COMFORT (v3-4)

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

“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.”



Extended Time of Prayer

Spend a few minutes in silence, praying through these definitions.

What might God be telling you?

Blessed - To be fully satisfied, indwelt by God

Poor in Spirit - Bankrupt beyond measure

Mourn - grieve the loss of my "false self"

Comfort - Indwelt by God

Kingdom of Heaven - Now and Then