





# **Kingdom People**

**Matthew 5:1-6**

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## The Poor in Spirit (3)

- [those devoid of spiritual arrogance, those who regard themselves as insignificant] (AMP)
- “those who... comprehend their nothingness before God” - McGarvey
- *“those who recognize they are spiritually helpless”* (GNT)
- *“God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him”* (NLT)

**The opposite of the Pharisees... and Laodiceans (Rev. 3:17)**

**Those who know they are spiritually bankrupt (Luke 18:13)**

- *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”* (Ps. 51:17)

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## Those Who Mourn (4)

- Not worldly grief that produces death (**2 Cor. 7:10**)
- **Mourning over sin** that separates from God
- Grieving for the **loss of fellowship with God**

## Those who feel the weight of their spiritual poverty (**Rom. 7**)

## Those who mourn are striving!

- Those who don't mourn don't really repent!

## Those who mourn their sin know the comfort of forgiveness

*“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret”* (**2 Cor. 7:10**)



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## The Meek (5)

- The “*gentle*” - gentleness is the **manner** of the meek
- The “*humble*” emphasizes the **dependency** of the meek
- “Meekness is rather **the attitude of the soul towards another** when that other is in a state of activity towards it.” - Pulpit Commentary

## The meek have the proper response to the Creator

- The meek are “ready to receive whatever teaching or chastisement might be given them” – Pulpit Commentary
- Meekness toward others hinges upon meekness toward God
  - *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mt. 22:37-39)*

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## Those Who Hunger And Thirst For Righteousness (6)

- to **crave** ardently, to **seek** with eager desire; famishing
- “those who actively seek right standing with God” (AMP)

## Those who pursue rightness with God and godly character

- Kingdom people are committed to both doing and becoming

## Only those who crave and seek God will ever be satisfied

- *“O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my body yearns for You in a dry and weary land without water.”*  
(Ps. 63:1)
- *“For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”*  
(Ps. 107:9)

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## Recognize they are spiritually helpless

- So, they will seek and find the kingdom of God

## Feel the weight of their spiritual poverty

- And they know the comfort of forgiveness

## Ready to receive whatever instruction is given them

- *“are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”* **(2 Pet. 3:13)**

## Pursue rightness with God and godly character

- Kingdom people will be satisfied





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