

The Pursuit of Happiness: Week 1

A Study of Matthew 5:3-10

- ³Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
- ⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.
- ⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
- ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
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NIV:

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

The Message:

“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope.
With less of you there is more of God and his rule.”

The pursuit of happiness starts
by admitting _____.

Psalm 34:6, “This poor man called, and the Lord heard him.” Psalm
40:17, “I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me.”

Luke 18:9-14 –

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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◆ The brokenness we find _____ us.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NLT), “The kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There’s no regret for that kind of sorrow.”

◆ The brokenness we find _____ us.

Psalms 119:136, “Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed.”