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**SERIES OVERVIEW:**

- **Paradox** – a statement or situation that may be true but seems impossible or difficult to understand because it contains two opposite facts or characteristics.
- **The beatitudes** – sayings of Jesus. Means: supreme blessedness, a state of utmost bliss.
- **Sermons on the Mount and in the Plain** – the hits!

**Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)** - 1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Luke 6:20-26 (NIV)** - 20 Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. 23 “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. 24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. 25 Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. 26 Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

**Jesus in Matthew: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**

**Jesus in Luke: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God**

**DEFINITIONS:**

- From Hebrew (h) (Aramaic) to Greek (g) to English

**Blessed:**

(g) **Makaríos** – supremely blessed, fortunate, happy. Comes from (h) **barak**.

(h) **Barak** - To kneel, to bend the knee, to have been submitted - by will or force. To acknowledge as.

- A description of **others** who are or will be experiencing the best life.

**Poor:**

(g) **Ptochos** - To be bent, crouched down, helpless, powerless - (of others or of self) Comes from (h) **ebyon**.

- From **ptosso**: to crouch; **ptoeo**: to be terrified
- Adjective to - **pipto** - to descend or fall down – prostrate

(h) **Ebyon** - in want, needy, chiefly poor, subject to oppression and abuse, needing help, deliverance from trouble, especially as delivered by God, a general reference to lowest class.

**Spirit:**

(g) **Pneuma** - a current of air, i.e. breath or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit:—ghost, life, spirit(-ual, -ually), mind. Comes from (h) **ruah**.

- From **pneo** - to breathe, to blow
- The vital principle in which the body is animated

(h) **Ruah** - wind (of heaven) breath, mind, spirit; figuratively, life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit

## Kingdom:

(g) **Basileia** - royal power, kingship, dominion, rule; not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom. From (h) **mamlaka**.

- From **basileus** - leader of the people, prince, commander, lord of the land, king

(h) **Mamlaka**: kingdom, dominion, reign, sovereignty

- Jesus employed the phrase kingdom of God or of heaven to indicate the perfect order of things which he was about to establish, in which all those of every nation who should believe in him were to be gathered together into one society, dedicated and intimately united to God, and made partakers of eternal salvation. **This kingdom is spoken of as now begun and actually present, inasmuch as its foundations have already been laid by Christ and its benefits realized among men that believe in him.**

## Heaven:

(g) **Ouranos** - the sky; by extension, heaven (as the abode of God); by implication, happiness, power, eternity; the seat of order of things eternal and consummately perfect where God dwells.

(h) **Samayim** - sky, heaven; from an unused root meaning to be lofty

SO...

**The presence of God is effectively realized (kingdom of heaven) by those in a submitted, in-need, powerless, bent-knee, position (poor) with a depressed and deprived life effort and power (spirit)....PARADOX.**

How?

- When people in a position of poor spirit are loved, the kingdom of heaven is realized

What do we do?

- When we embrace a posture of poor spirit (by consequence or choice) we can experience the kingdom of heaven when we are loved.... by whom?

**Isaiah 61:1-3 (NIV)** - 1The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

**We bring the kingdom of heaven to those of poor spirit!**

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- What stood out to you from this message? Why?
- What in this message was a paradox to you (opposite than you thought?)
- When was a time that you were in a position of poor spirit and you experienced God? Share.
- Have you ever been in a position of poor spirit and not been loved? Share.
- Can you think of anyone who is of poor spirit in your life? How can you love them?
- Are there any areas in your life that are a paradox (not what you think they actually are) when viewed through the word and will of God?
- What is one next step you can take from this message and ask others to pray for?



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