

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

Poor in Spirit

TUNE: Wade in the Water (alt.)

Matthew 5:3

♩ = 84

Refrain

Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm

Unison

Poor in my spir - it, Poor, hold - ing

Dm Dm A Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm Dm

noth - ing, Fa - ther, Gone all my grasp - ing,

Dm A7 Bb 4th time to Coda A7 Dm Dm

Reach - ing for noth - ing but You a - lone.

Dm E A Bb Bb6 Asus A Dm A7 Dm

1. All is Yours, Cre - a - tor Lord, Reach - ing for noth - ing but
2. All pos - sess - ing I re - sign, Hun - gry for noth - ing but
3. Rich be - yond all earth - ly wealth, Long - ing for noth - ing but

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A7 Dm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Dm Am B \flat C Dm Dm⁷

You a - lone. Yours the goods I try to hoard,
 You a - lone. All Your King - dom now is mine,
 You a - lone; Now You give me all Your - self,

B \flat M⁷ $\frac{Gm^6}{B\flat}$ $\frac{Dm}{A}$ A⁷ Dm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ A⁷ Dm

D.C. Φ CODA

Cling - ing to noth - ing but You a - lone. You a - lone.
 Thirst - y for noth - ing but You a - lone.
 Seek - ing for noth - ing but You a - lone.

TOPICS: Consecration; Holiness; Living in Christ; Stewardship; All Saints Day

LEAD-IN: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
 (Matthew 5:3, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

Jesus' first beatitude is this:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5:3, NASB)

God has decreed the well-being of those who are poor in spirit. His sovereign word says they will have abundant life, and that they will be “prosperous” and “successful” in an ultimate sense, beyond mere money. But what does it mean to be “poor in spirit”?

To be poor is to lack possessions. To be poor in regards to spirit is to have a spirit, or a heart, that lacks possessions; a spirit that does not “possess” or claim ownership of anything; a spirit with no wealth, no glory, no will or way or strength of its own.

Such a spirit is what we had in Eden before the fall. Then we were surrounded by God's abundant gifts, but none of them had taken root in our hearts. We possessed nothing. We clung to nothing. We claimed ownership of nothing. God was all-in-all, and our spirits, hearts, and desires were reserved for Him.

When we are again poor in spirit, possessing nothing as our own, we are free to cling to God alone. When we do, we enjoy all things in Him. All He has, all He is, His entire Kingdom is ours, and we are entirely His.

Blessed indeed is such a person!

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