



# The Gospel of Matthew

## Announcement of blessing

### “Poor in Spirit”

- First and foundational
- Confessing your unworthiness before God
- Confessing your total dependence on God
- To be rich in God, you must be broken in self
  - Isaiah 55:1-3
  - Luke 18:9-17

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## Acquisition of blessing

- Focus on Christ
- Fight your flesh
- Fervent in prayer
- Find ways to serve

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## Attributes of blessing

- Humility
- Contrite
- Accepting
  - Of others
  - Of circumstances
  - Of God's will

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## Allusion of blessing in Old Testament

- The Pronouncement – Poor in Spirit
- The Blessing – Kingdom of Heaven

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## Accomplished in Christ

- Jesus fully submitted to the will of the Father
- Jesus faithfully served others

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## Assurance of Promise

- Personal – “Theirs”
- Present – “Is”
- Power – “The kingdom of heaven”

