

The Blessedness of Being Poor in Spirit and Pure in Heart That We May Be under Christ's Heavenly Ruling as Our New King and That We May See God to Express Him in His Life and Represent Him with His Authority

Monday 2/16**Matt. 5:3**

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

Isa. 66:2

2 For all these things My hand has made, And so all these things have come into being, declares Jehovah. But to this kind of man will I look, to him who is poor And of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.

Luke 6:20

20 And He lifted up His eyes to His disciples and said, Blessed are the poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Matt. 19:13-15

13 Then little children were brought to Him that He might lay His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, Allow the little children and do not prevent them from coming to Me, for of such is the kingdom of the heavens.

15 And after He laid His hands on them, He went on from there.

Gal. 6:3

3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

John 15:5

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Isa. 57:15

15 For thus says the high and exalted One, Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I will dwell in the high and holy place, And with the contrite and lowly of spirit, To revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

Heb. 1:9

9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has

anointed You with the oil of exultant joy above Your partners";

HWMR: Crucial Aspects of Matthew 5 Through 7 - Week 1, Day 1

Tuesday 2/17**Luke 1:53**

53 The hungry He has filled with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.

Phil. 3:13

13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

Psa. 81:10

10 I am Jehovah your God, Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Josh. 7:3-4

3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, Not all the people need go up; let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai. Do not make all the people labor there, for the enemies are few.

4 So about three thousand men from the people went up there, but they fled before the men of Ai.

Rom. 8:28-29

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Luke 18:17

17 Truly I say to you, Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child shall by no means enter into it.

Psa. 139:17

17 And how precious are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

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Wednesday 2/18**Matt. 5:8**

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

2 Cor. 3:18

18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Matt. 13:19-23

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand, the evil one comes and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is the one sown beside the way.

20 And the one sown on the rocky places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

21 Yet he does not have root in himself but lasts only for a time, and when affliction or persecution occurs because of the word, immediately he is stumbled.

22 And the one sown in the thorns, this is he who hears the word, and the anxiety of the age and the deceitfulness of riches utterly choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23 But the one sown on the good earth, this is he who hears the word and understands, who by all means bears fruit and produces, one a hundredfold, and one sixtyfold, and one thirtyfold.

2 Cor. 2:10

10 But whom you forgive anything, I also forgive; for also what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, it is for your sake in the person of Christ;

2 Cor. 3:16

16 But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

2 Tim. 4:22

22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Isa. 6:5

5 Then I said, Woe is me, for I am finished! For I am a man of unclean lips, And in the midst of a people of unclean lips I dwell; Yet my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts.

HWMR: Crucial Aspects of Matthew 5 Through 7 - Week 1, Day 3

Thursday 2/19**Psa. 119:140**

140 Your word is very pure, And Your servant loves it.

Col. 2:19

19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

1 Tim. 4:15

15 Practice these things; be in them, that your progress may be manifest to all.

Prov. 4:23

23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, For from it are the issues of life.

Matt. 4:17

17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.

Psa. 12:6

6 The words of Jehovah are pure words, Silver refined in a furnace on the earth, Purified seven times.

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

HWMR: *Crucial Aspects of Matthew 5 Through 7 - Week 1, Day 4*

Friday 2/20

2 Cor. 4:16-18

16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Rom. 6:4

4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

Rom. 7:6

6 But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that in which we were held, so that we serve in newness of spirit and not in oldness of letter.

Psa. 91:1

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most

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High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Luke 1:78-79

78 Because of the merciful compassions of our God, in which the rising sun will visit us from on high,

79 To shine upon those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Prov. 4:18

18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, Which shines brighter and brighter until the full day.

Judg. 5:31

31 May all Your enemies so perish, O Jehovah. But may those who love Him be like the sun When it rises in its might. And the land had rest forty years.

HWMR: *Crucial Aspects of Matthew 5 Through 7 - Week 1, Day 5*

Saturday 2/21

Matt. 26:29

29 But I say to you, I shall by no means drink of this product of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father.

Psa. 119:105, 130

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

130 The opening of Your words gives light, Imparting understanding to the simple.

Eph. 4:3-4, 17-18, 23

3 Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace:

4 One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

17 This therefore I say and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk in the vanity of their mind,

18 Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

HWMR: *Crucial Aspects of Matthew 5 Through 7 - Week 1, Day 6*

Lord's Day 2/22

Rom. 14:17

17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Isa. 11:2-3

2 And the Spirit of Jehovah will rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and the fear of Jehovah.

3 He will delight in the fear of Jehovah: He will neither judge by what His eyes see, Nor decide by what His ears hear.

Luke 14:26

26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and moreover, even his own soul-life, he cannot be My disciple.

Phil. 3:7-8

7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.

8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

2 Cor. 4:10-12

10 Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

11 For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death operates in us, but life in you.

Hymn: #743

Further Reading

Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Set 2, Vol. 17, chs. 22-23

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: *Gen. 40*

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 95-96*

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: *The Murderous Sin of Covetousness and Dealing with Lust*

Scripture: *Gen. 37-39*

Assigned Reading: *LS of Genesis, msg(s).111*

Supplemental Reading: *Truth Lessons, Level One, Vol. 1, ch. 8*

Study Questions: *See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study*