

# The Bliss of the Destitute



**Matthew 5:3**

# Introduction

- \* This is the very first of the Beatitudes
- \* not what his listeners were prepared to hear
- \* the phrase “poor in spirit”
- \* Why would this be important
- \* “Poor in spirit” is a unique expression



# 3 Great Truths



- \*The Way to Power is Through Humility**
- \*Trust in the Lord instead of Self**
- \*Surrender of Self-Will to God's Will**

# The Way to Power is Through Humility

- \* Admission of our own helplessness
- \* Humility (strength & self under God's control) is crucial
- \* Depicted by Jesus... his entire ministry
- \* Why humility is so crucial
- \* Encountered in the Qumran Scrolls

# Trust in the Lord instead of Self



- \* No trust in skill or ingenuity
- \* Trust and reliance on self becomes a false god
- \* Jesus' example of trusting God
- \* Why trust is so crucial to the kingdom

# **Surrender of Self-Will to God's Will**

- \* True freedom comes from complete surrender to God**
- \* Surrender goes against human nature**
- \* Jesus' example of surrender—  
Matthew 26:2**
- \* Why surrender is so crucial to the kingdom**

# Conclusion



## **3 Great Truths regarding attitudes for the kingdom**

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- \* Trust in the Lord instead of Self**
- \* Surrender of Self-Will to God's Will**