

Historic White Marsh Church

September 14, 2025

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Hymn ~ 11 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:3, Luke 18:9-14 Bob Sutherland

Prayer & Praise

Kids Talk Jean Bryan

Special Music: "I'll Fly Away" Choir

Hymn ~ 506 I'd Rather Have Jesus

Sermon: "Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit" Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 488 Just as I Am

Benediction & Postlude

Sunday: Bible Explorers at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00 PM

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

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

1. **What Does "Poor in Spirit" Mean?** - To be poor in spirit is to stand before God and say, "I bring nothing in my hands. I cannot earn Your favor. I depend wholly on Your mercy." Being poor in spirit defines a new way to live, and it is a fundamental characteristic of a Christian. (Matthew 5:3)
2. **The Promise: "Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven"** - If you are poor in spirit and looking to God in everything, the kingdom of heaven is yours! How do we become poor in spirit? We read and study God's Word, we starve our carnal desires, including our pride, and we ask God to be merciful to us. (Judges 7; Luke 15)
3. **The Beatitudes Are Reflected Throughout Scripture** - All of the principles in the Beatitudes are also found in abundance in both the Old and New Testaments. (For example: Isaiah 66:2; Psalm 51:17; Luke 18:9-14; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8; James 2:5)
4. **Some Warnings Against False Poverty** - Not all forms of poverty of spirit are genuine. We must beware of and avoid false humility and despair. (2 Corinthians 7:10)
5. **Practical Applications of Being Poor in Spirit: How can we live poor in spirit?** 1. Humility in Prayer (Matthew 6:11) 2. Dependence on God's Word (Matthew 4:4) 3. Gentleness Toward Others (Philippians 2:3) 4. Freedom from Self-Reliance (Psalm 127:1)

Study Questions:

1. What implications does a proper understanding of spiritual poverty have in connection with salvation and sanctification?
2. Author and pastor Kent Hughes has written, "The more spiritually mature we become, the more profound will be our sense of poverty." Do you agree or disagree with that statement and why?
3. What are some enemies of being poor in spirit? Where are such things seen in cultural trends today, or even in your own life?
4. What does "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" mean? What does the kingdom of Heaven look like?

Announcements:

Visitors: Welcome to our church! Please fill out the visitor card located at your pew and then give it to Pastor Brad or place it in the offering box.

Pray for LCPS, NCPS, and our community Homeschoolers - Join us at HWMC for praying on **Wednesday, September 17** at 5 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the HWMC Fall Concert Series! The next concert will feature Linda Boles on October 10 and Hunter Owens on November 14 at 7 p.m.

The Bost family, our new missionaries, will be with us on September 21 to meet everyone!

Friendship Fellowship on September 21, following the service. Please sign up to bring a dish and plan to stay and meet the Bost family.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, September 28, for **Brenda's Shoebox Packing Birthday Bash** following the service. Pizza to be provided!

Please consider supporting the Shoebox Ministry. You can use the QR Code to purchase items.



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