

Sermon Notes

January 21, 2024

*"I Promise You the Kingdom Feast" — Jesus
Matthew 5:3; Luke 12:31-32*

***Imagine calling the Kingdom of Christ your home
— and feasting at His table!***

The Table Setting

It's for Jesus and his disciples.

The blessing is from Jesus alone.

The blessing is foundational to life with Jesus.

Who can come to the Kingdom Feast?

The "poor in spirit"

- Emptied of self-pride
- Have put Christ ahead of all else
- Now sit at Jesus feet, trusting Him fully

The King of Glory is poor in spirit!

**We cannot make ourselves poor in spirit,
but we can follow him — with all our heart.**

**In so doing, by following Him
we BECOME poor in spirit.**

Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life." (Mark 10:29-30 ESV)

Review the sermon, what were the key points?

What questions did it raise for you?

What felt most important to you?

What do you think poverty of spirit looks like? What does it feel like? Examples can be found in Luke 18:9-14, Mark 12:41-44, Luke 10:25-37.

Why do you think poverty of spirit is foundational, not only for receiving and walking in all that Christ teaches, but for receiving a place in His Kingdom?

You can see Christ's poverty of spirit clearly in these verses: 2 Corinthians 8:9, Luke 9:57-62, John 4:34, Luke 22:39-46, and Hebrews 10:5-10. Why is it important to see Jesus Christ's poverty of spirit?

What "blesses" you (makes you heart-happy) about being given the Kingdom of Heaven? (cf. Ephesians 3:20)

Prayer:

(with thanks to John Wesley's Covenant Prayer)

Lord Jesus, I trust You. I don't need to understand everything that's happening—I just need to be still and know You. You are enough for me, and so I will place my hope, trust, joy, and future in You. I believe in You. Lord, I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Let me be exalted for you or brought low by you. Let me have all things, let me have nothing, I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

For the sake of your kingdom. Amen!