

Thy Kingdom Come Poor in Spirit!

Jesus manifests His Kingdom to us quite differently than we imagine. We measure and compare success by material wealth; He measures success by how well we listen! We look at the goal; He looks at the race we are in. We look to our strengths; He looks to our weakness! We look at what we can produce for Him; He looks at how open we are to let Him move through us. Consequently, as we look at Jesus' words, "*Thy Kingdom come,*" we really aren't prepared to understand what He is saying. His ways and His Kingdom are higher than our ways and our kingdoms.

Living under an open heaven begins when we see our poverty apart from Him. When Jesus declared, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit,*" He was saying, "*You are truly in the midst of joy and happiness when you possess a spirit that is impoverished!*" It seems like a paradox but that mindset is what prepares you to receive the grace and mercy of God. When you recognize your poverty apart from Jesus Christ, you will stay close to Him! Why? Because through Him we possess all things! You cannot be any higher than when you are seated with Him. You cannot experience anything greater than His love for you and through you. To that impoverished spirit all heaven opens! Miracles, signs and wonders then begin! Psalm 109:22, 27 puts it this way:

"For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me ... Oh, save me according to Your mercy, that they may know that this is Your hand -- that You, Lord, have done it!"

Having a desperate heart towards the Lord is His hand working in our midst! Through every wound God will demonstrate His love and power. His kingdom comes only to the broken. Not to worry, just get ready!

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