

The Beatitudes and “Happy are the Poor in Spirit”

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

- I. Are we happy?
- II. What is happiness anyways?
 - a. Beatitudes
 - b. Makarios- happy, blessed, lucky, fortunate, congratulations
 - c. Objective vs. subjective- “Concepts of Happiness Across Time and Culture”
 - d. More than a feeling
 - e. It is a byproduct of something else- you don’t find it, it finds you
- III. What are the poor in spirit?
 - a. Ptochos- crouch or cower like a beggar
 - b. Acknowledging you have a spiritual need
 - i. Why don’t we do this?
 1. Masters of distraction
- IV. What is the kingdom of heaven?