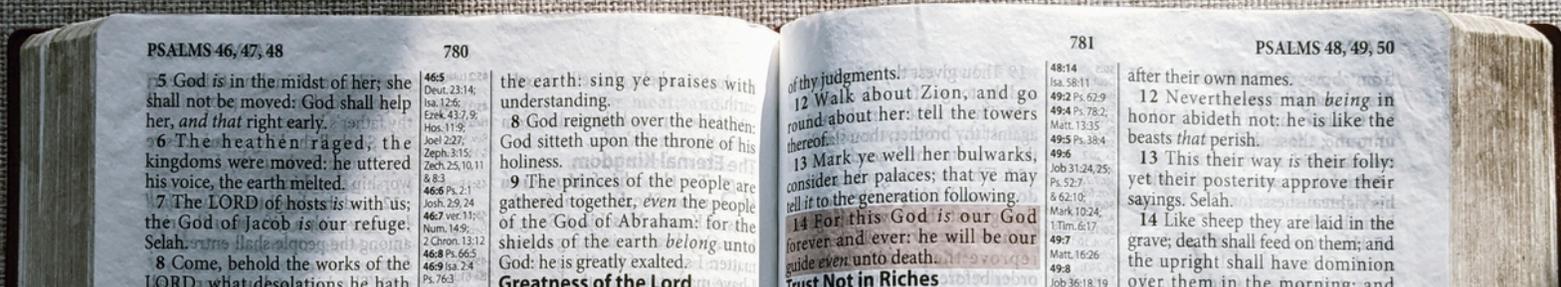


Sermon Weekly Devotions



Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit: Comfort in Mourning

Day 1: Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit—Salvation Is a Gift, Not Earned

To be "poor in spirit" is to recognize our utter need for God, admitting that we cannot save ourselves by our own efforts, goodness, or religious deeds. Jesus opens the Beatitudes with this foundational truth: those who know their spiritual poverty are the ones who receive the kingdom of heaven. This is not about material poverty, but about a heart posture that confesses, "I need a Savior." The blessing Jesus pronounces is not just a future hope, but a present reality—right now, you are redeemed and saved by grace, not by your own merit. This is the doorway to all the other blessings God promises. [41:28]

Matthew 5:3 (ESV)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Reflection: In what area of your life are you still trying to prove yourself to God or others, rather than simply receiving His grace as a gift today?

Day 2: Blessed Are Those Who Mourn—God Meets Us in Our Grief

Mourning is a painful but honest response to the brokenness of this world and the losses we experience. Jesus promises comfort to those who mourn, not by removing all pain now, but by assuring us that our grief is seen and that true comfort is coming. In the "now," we mourn together, supporting one another as a family of faith. In the "not yet," we look forward to the day when all mourning will be turned to joy in God's presence. You are invited to bring your real hurts to God, knowing He does not dismiss your pain but promises to comfort you. [43:53]

Matthew 5:4 (ESV)

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Reflection: Who in your life is grieving right now, and how can you come alongside them this week to offer comfort and presence?

Day 3: The “Now and Not Yet” of God’s Kingdom—Living in Hope Amid Brokenness

Followers of Jesus live in the tension of being saved now, yet still waiting for the fullness of God’s promises. We are redeemed and belong to God, but we still experience pain, loss, and the messiness of life. This “now and not yet” reality means we can grieve honestly, but also celebrate the hope that is ours in Christ. Our loved ones who have died in the faith are already experiencing the fullness of salvation, while we wait in hope for the day when all things are made new. This hope sustains us and gives us strength to persevere. [[43:26](#)]

Romans 8:18 (ESV)

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

Reflection: When you feel overwhelmed by the brokenness around you, how can you remind yourself of the “not yet” hope that is yours in Christ?

Day 4: Comforting One Another—The Ministry of Presence in the Body of Christ

God calls us to comfort one another in our grief, to sit in the mess together, to cry and to be strong for each other when needed. This is part of the “now” of God’s kingdom: we do not mourn alone, but as brothers and sisters who share each other’s burdens. Sometimes, the greatest gift you can give is simply to be present, to listen, and to remind each other of the hope we have in Jesus. In this way, we become tangible expressions of God’s comfort to one another. [[49:13](#)]

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

Reflection: Is there someone you know who needs you to simply sit with them in their pain this week? How can you offer your presence as a gift?

Day 5: Sharing the Good News—Moved by Grace to Action

Recognizing that we are saved by grace, not by our own works, should move us to share this hope with others. Too often, we keep the message of Jesus to ourselves out of busyness, comfort, or reluctance. But God calls us to go and tell others that there is a Savior who loves them, who suffered, died, and rose again so that they too can experience the blessing of salvation. Let the grace you have received move you to be merciful, loving, and bold in sharing the good news. [[56:09](#)]

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Reflection: Who is one person God is putting on your heart to share the hope of Jesus with this week, and what is one step you can take to reach out to them?