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PureMen Bible Study – Session 13 – 3/2/10

Something To Thank the Lord For?

Review Study Questions from Chapter Twelve – *The Place of Brokenness and Repentance*

What is the only hope, the only step needed for deliverance and victory?

JESUS!

Matthew 4:17

“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

From the very beginning of His earthly ministry, Jesus preached repentance!

Source: *The Preacher’s Outline and Sermon Bible*, Vol. 1, pg. 50

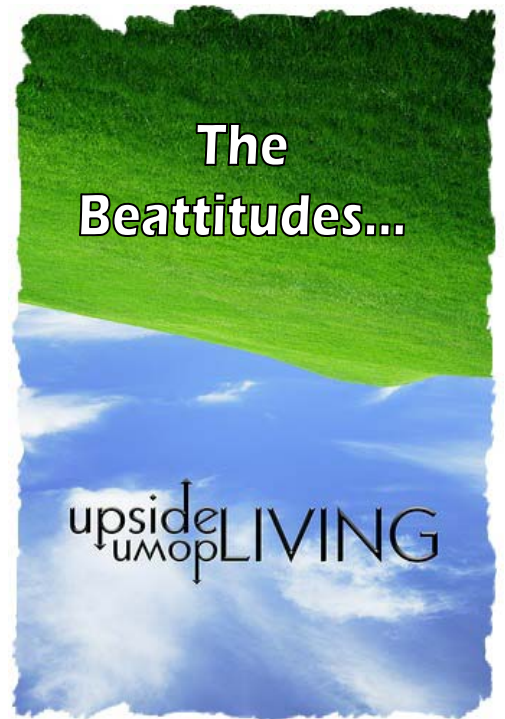
- Repentance means to change; to turn; to change one’s mind; to turn one’s life. It is a turning away from sin and turning toward God. It is a change of mind, a forsaking of sin. It is putting sin out of one’s thoughts and behavior.
- Repentance is more than sorrow. It is both a change of mind and the actual turning of one’s life away from sin and toward God.

Source: *At the Altar of Sexual Idolatry*, Gallagher

- Repentance describes the transforming of a person from being one who does his own (carnal) will, to one who does the will of his Father. (p.199)
- Spiritual repentance is an experience whereby a person’s will is altered for the express purpose of bringing it into line with God’s will. (p.197)
- Repentance is not a “slight alteration.” Repentance means you’re going one way, doing what you want to do – self willed! But a complete 180 occurs. You are now going in an opposite direction – no longer self willed but now surrendered to the One who now controls you (the One who bought you (1Cor 6:19,20), your Master). It is a turning inside! Not just turning from sin but turning to God!

Matthew 5:1-6

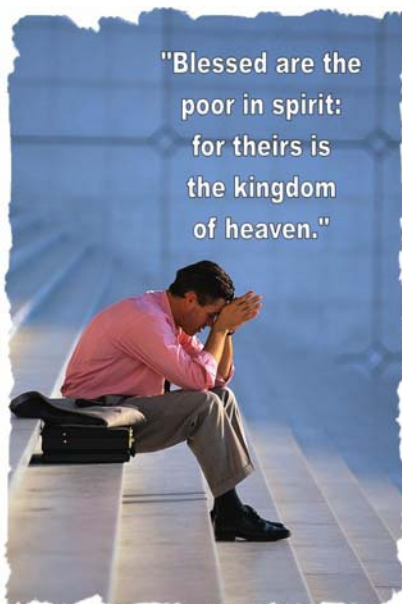
“And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: ²And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, ³Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”



v.3 – Poor in spirit

Being poor in spirit means...

- To acknowledge spiritual poverty.
- To acknowledge our utter helplessness before God, our spiritual need. That we are solely dependent upon God to meet our need.
- To acknowledge our utter lack in facing life and eternity apart from God. To acknowledge that the real blessings of life and eternity come only from a right relationship with God.



- To acknowledge our utter lack of superiority before all others and our spiritual deadness before God. To acknowledge that we are no better, no richer, no more superior than the next person – no matter what we have achieved in this world (fame, riches, power, etc.). Our attitude toward others is not proud and haughty; not superior and overbearing. The person “poor in spirit” approaches life in humility and appreciation.
- The opposite of being “poor in spirit” is having a spirit **full of self!**
- Two critical steps are taken by the person who truly acknowledges his spiritual poverty:
 1. He turns his primary attention away from the things of this world. He knows that things can never make him rich in spirit.
 2. He turns his primary attention to God and His kingdom. He knows that God alone can make him rich in spirit.



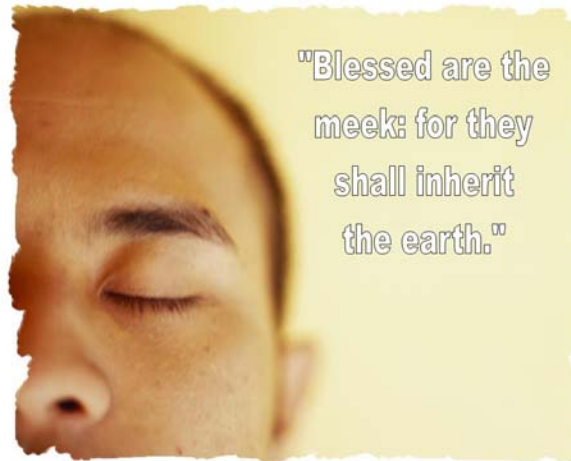
v. 4 – They that mourn

They that mourn means...

- To have a broken heart. It is the strongest word possible for mourning. It is like the deep mourning and wailing that occurs over the death of a loved one.
- It is a desperate, helpless sorrow. It is a sorrow for sin, a broken heart over evil and suffering.
 - 2 Cor 7:10 “*For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*”
 - **Worldly sorrow** – this sorrow can be a sorrow over doing wrong or of coming up short from what we expect. It is a violation of one’s own values. It can be caused by “being found out,” or by suffering consequences, or by being punished.
 - **Godly sorrow** – this is sorrow that is wrought in the heart of the believer by the conviction of the Holy Ghost. When the believer does wrong or falls short, the Holy Spirit is grieved (Eph 4:30). His work is quenched (1 Thes 5:19). His ministry of making the believer like Jesus is hindered. So He begins His convicting work! Under the weight of conviction, the believer’s heart is thereby led to repent. The believer **changes** his **mind** and turns his **behavior** around to what it should be. Godly sorrow always leads to repentance. A believer who refuses to repent wallows around and eventually dwells in the world of worldly sorrow.
- It is a **brokenness** of self that comes from seeing Christ on the cross and realizing that your sins put Him there
 - **How Are We Broken?**
 - Through prayer! Pray, Pray, Pray – refusing to quit! Refusing to quit knocking on the door of Heaven until God answers our prayer!
 - Luke 11:5-10, Luke 18:1-8
 - **Cry out to God** – “God, I’m unbroken, break me! God, I’ve got a hard heart! God, I’ve got a callousness about me! I don’t seem to care about anyone else but myself! Please God, change my heart!”

v. 5 – The Meek

- To have a strong, but tender and humble, life. It is a strong, yet teachable spirit. It is not being weak or spineless. It is a man who is very strong, yet humble and tender.
- It is a man with all the emotions and ability to take and conquer, but he is able to control himself (or should I say, he is under the control of the Holy Spirit – because “self-control” is really “no-control”).
- It is discipline – a man is disciplined because he is God-controlled.
- The opposite of meekness is *arrogance or pride*. In too many persons is the air of sufficiency and superiority. A meek person knows that he has needs and does not have all the answers.



v. 6 – Hunger and Thirst after righteousness

- Is this not what this PureMen Study is all about? PureMen – Teaching Men to Have a Passion for Purity! Teaching Men to have a Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness!
- To have a starving spirit. It is a real hunger and starvation of soul. It is a parched and dying thirst. It is a starving spirit and a parched soul that craves after righteousness.
- Does this describe you? If so, what are you doing to quench that thirst?
- Notice the promise from our Lord – “*for they shall be filled.*” Praise the Lord!

Testimonies? Close in PRAYER!

