



Best Sermon Ever: The Poor in Spirit

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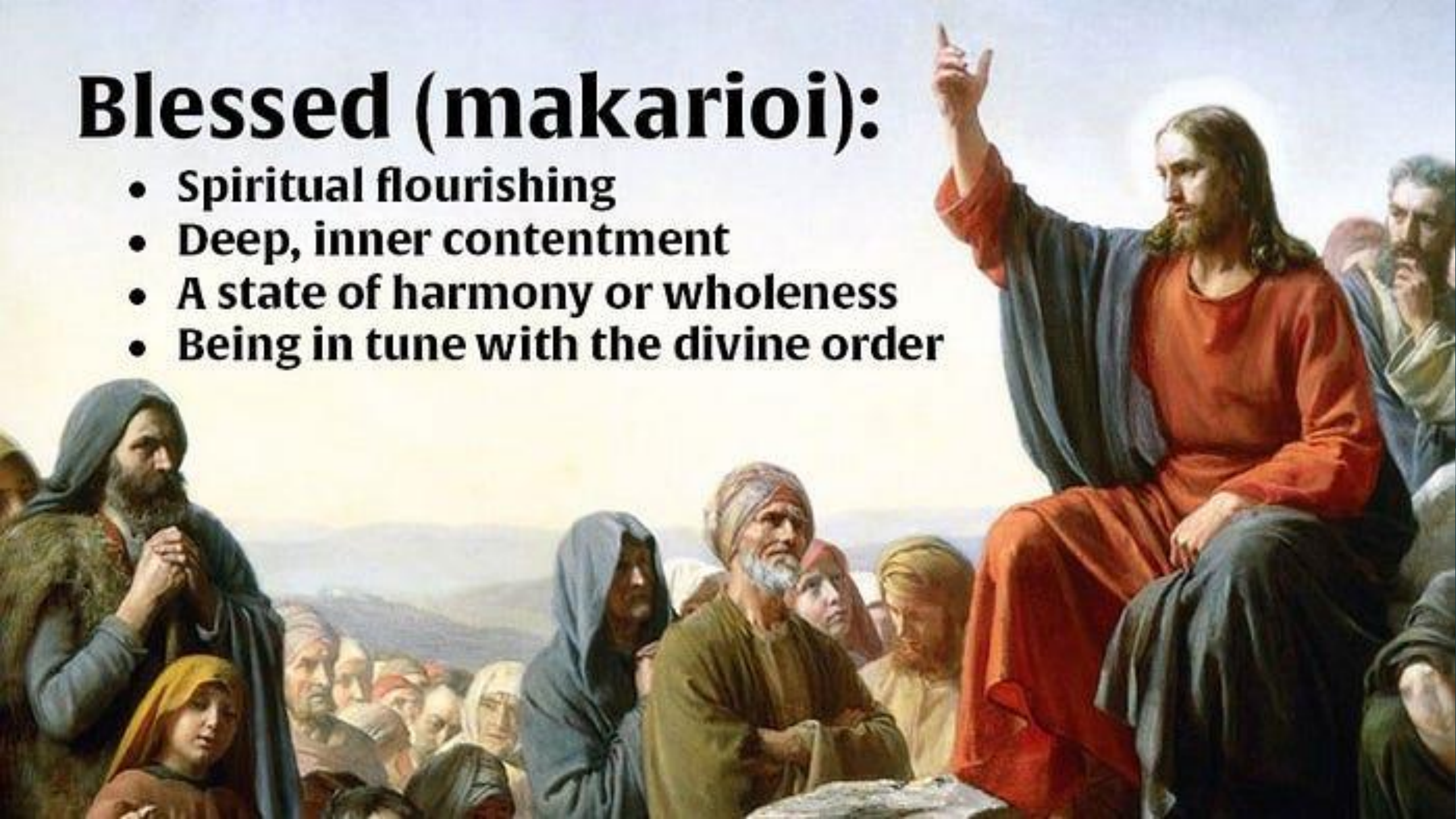
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Blessed (makarioi):

- Spiritual flourishing
- Deep, inner contentment
- A state of harmony or wholeness
- Being in tune with the divine order





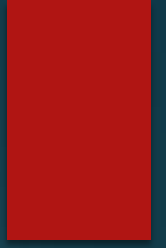
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Matthew 5:1-3



¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Poor in Spirit







Blind Bartimaeus

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Blind Us

To be spiritually poor allows us to see and understand the reality that we need Jesus in our lives because without him we are lost to a life without God because of our sin which keeps us at odds with Him.

Like Bartimaeus who had nothing to bring to the table but a pleading for Jesus's grace and mercy for him to be healed, we have nothing to bring to God's table for him to save us from our sins and allow us to enter and become part of the kingdom of God.

Poverty of Spirit



It is a sense of powerlessness in ourselves.

It is a sense of spiritual bankruptcy and helplessness before God.

It is a sense of moral uncleanness before God.

It is a sense of personal unworthiness before God.

It is a sense that if there is to be any life or joy or usefulness, it will have to be all of God and all of grace.

- John Piper

The Truth We Need to See

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—
⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

The Kingdom of Heaven

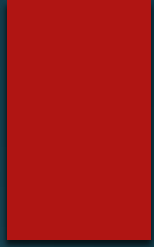
Why Is It a Blessing?

- Based on what it offers you now on this side of life
- Based on what it offers you later in eternity

Not Just a Place to Go

- Second chance at life this time with Jesus which means a supernatural sense of belonging and purpose
- Citizenship to the kingdom with proof being the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and all its perks of connection to God and the fruit
- To let Jesus take the wheel






Where Would We Go?

Revelation 21

¹Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “**Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.**” ⁴“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. **To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.**” ⁷**Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.** ⁸But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

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- Sometimes blessings aren't experienced until the appropriate timing or circumstances that may lead it to not feel like a blessing
 - Sometimes blessings aren't experienced until they are exercised

CONCLUSION

Benediction



24 “““The Lord bless you and keep you;
25 the Lord make his face shine on you and be
gracious to you;
26 the Lord turn his face toward you and give
you peace.””