

THE GOOD LIFE

Who Gets To Experience The Good Life



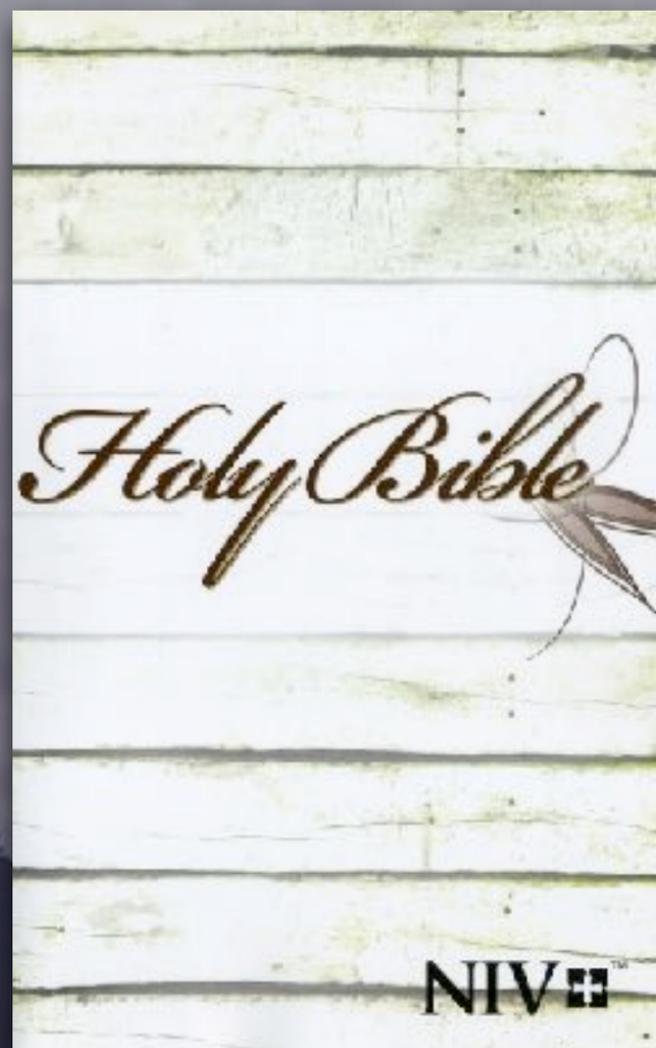
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Matthew 5:1-10

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I. Making Sense Of The Sermon On The Mount

A. Read with a kingdom perspective

*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. **Matthew 4:23***

B. Take note of how Jesus transforms lives

*Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” **Mark 1:14-15***

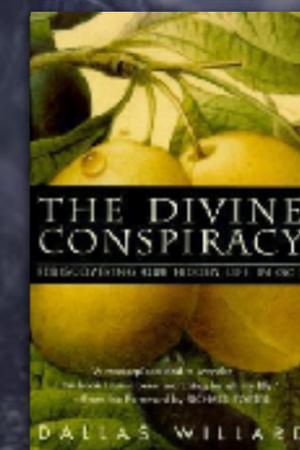
C. Pay attention to how Jesus challenges our assumptions

- *What is the good life?*
- *Who gets to experience the good life?*



The Beatitudes are not teachings on how to be blessed. No one is actually being told that they are better off for being poor, for mourning, for being persecuted, and so on, or that the conditions listed are recommended ways to well-being before God or man. They are explanations and illustrations, drawn from the immediate setting, of the present availability of the kingdom through personal relationship to Jesus. They single out cases that provide proof that, in him, the rule of God from the heavens truly is available even in life circumstances that are beyond all human hope.

Dallas Willard, [The Divine Conspiracy](#)

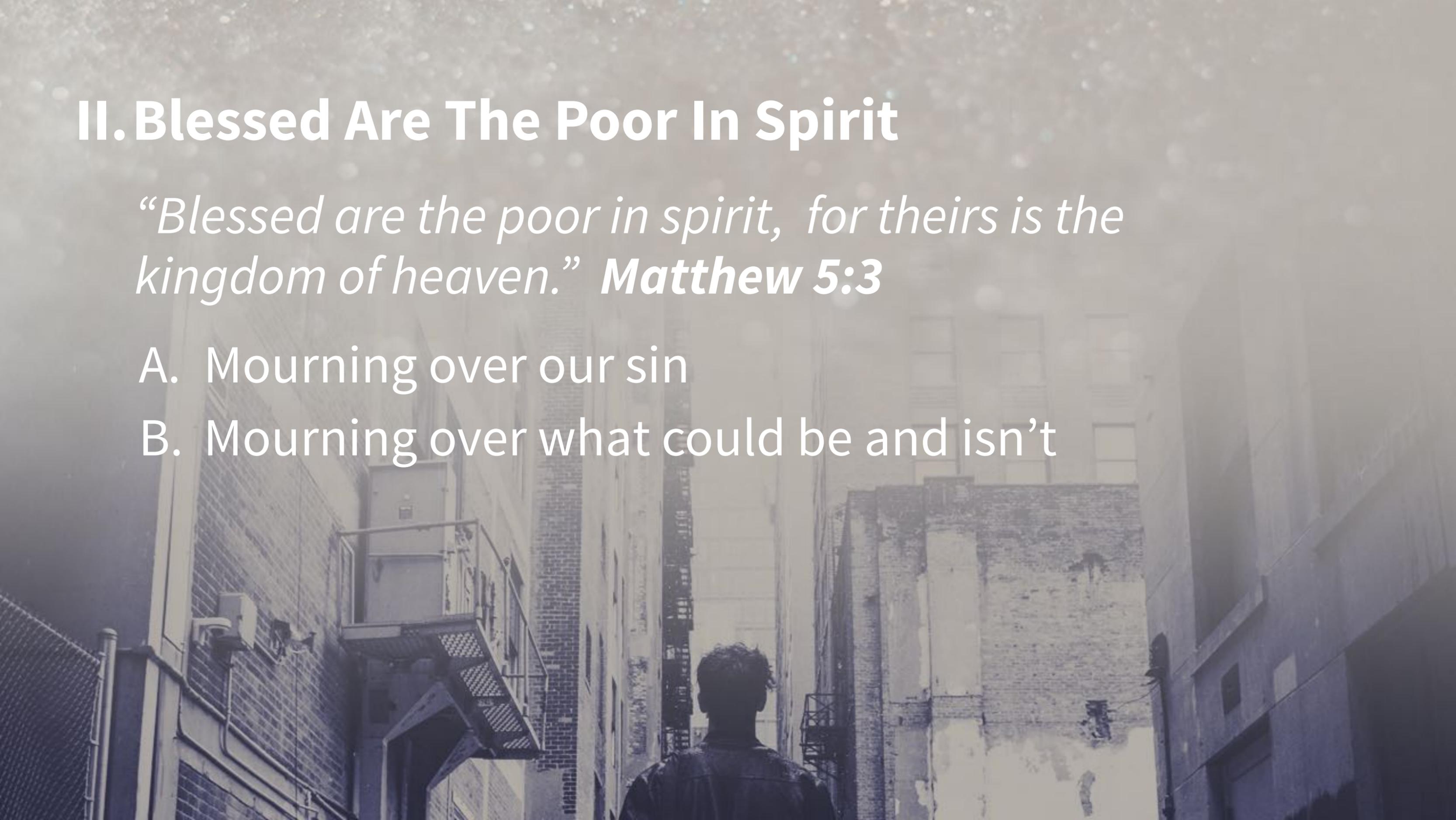


II. Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” **Matthew 5:3***

A. Mourning over our sin

B. Mourning over what could be and isn't



III. Blessed Are They That Mourn

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” **Matthew 5:4**



IV. Blessed Are The Meek

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” **Matthew 5:5**

