

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT**  
 Delivered to **DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*S.S Lord's Day Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 2016*  
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**Point #8** Mt. 5:3 is the (1<sup>st</sup>) beatitude and the eighth point.

**Mt. 5:4**

*Blessed are the **poor in spirit**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Mt. 7:15-23 is the message to the sermon's eighth point.

**Mt. 7:15-23**

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

**Note:** It is true- we are certainly "**poor (in the sphere) of the spirit.**"

Like a bank account waiting a deposit.

**Note:** Not possible to reach a higher virtues until "**Poverty in Spirit**" is attained.

This Point shows the contrast in those that seem to have something to offer.

The "**false prophets**" of vs.15 do not have your best interest or the truth as a guiding principle.

What they offer is not the need for -poverty but plenty in spirit-

**They live by paganism not biblical truth**

**-motivated by Satanism not the Spirit of Truth,**

**-they utter lies not the Word of Truth!!**

But they (false prophets/teachers) do not believe in being "**poor in spirit**".

Unfortunately "**prophesying in thy name**" or "**casting out devils**" cannot justify the lost man.

We are empty!

Truly "**poor in spirit**".

21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

**Note:**

See my notes in "The Kingdom of God vs. The Kingdom of Satan" on the subject of defending the use of Polemic Theology and Homiletics.

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**Conclusion:****Mt. 7: 24-28**

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Satan's fiery darts-every direction-different in intensity.

*Rains* on the roof, *rivers* at the base, *winds* at the sides of our spiritual being.

The definite article denotes that the rain will not be weak or lacking trying our endurance.

**1 Thess. 3:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves **know that we are appointed thereunto.** <sup>4</sup> For verily, when we were with you, **we told you before that we should suffer tribulation;** even as it came to pass, and ye know.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Life instructions for the saint. Building on the solid rock!

Be careful with every decision, that it is considered and saturated in prayer.

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

29 For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

By now, you are familiar with the CHIASMUS (kī-āz'məs) structure in His arrangement of the Sermon on the Mount or better known by us, the Sermon on the Beatitudes.

Note: All Greek references are from Thayer or Vine.