## **LESSON 2**

## **BLESSED ARE THE POOR**

"Poor in Spirit"

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**Statement** – Blessed are the poor in Spirit.

**Reward** – For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

All those who have few human or material resources to rely on, therefore have to rely on God.

- 1. The poor are happier than the rich because they know they have to rely on God.
  - Poor people do not possess much, they know that they rely only on God.
    This relationship with God is what satisfies them.
  - They may not be externally comfortable, but they are happy.
- 2. God loves the poor and those who help the poor are happy to be in God's company.
- 3. Poor are happy because they depend on God for all their needs.
  - God is with them in their suffering and they become His friends.
  - If the rich extend their hand out to the poor and share their goods with them, they too will become God's friends.