



Midweek Meditation



*"Blessed are you who are poor...But woe to you who are rich."
Luke 6:20,24*

Being poor before God is not the same as worldly poverty. Before God the poor are those who are beggars. The blessed poor are those whose hands are empty, unlike the woeful rich whose hands are full; full of themselves, of their imagined good works. The woeful rich hold out their hands with these works to God, yet not to receive from Him, for hands that are full are not able to receive. The blessed poor hold out their empty hands to God, and He fills such hands with Christ and every gift He purchased on the cross for sinners. Faith is nothing more than these empty hands. Faith can only receive. We are nothing, therefore, but beggars before God. But beggars who are given all the riches of heaven through Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, I am a poor sinner, having no goodness of my own to give You. But You give to me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Always fill my hands with these good gifts according to Your gracious promises. Amen.