

Connection to the Kingdom of God

Chuck DeGroat, *Healing what's Within*

We've become habituated to a life of disconnection. We've developed a tragic case of amnesia, forgetting our original goodness and glory, far from home and without a map to guide us.

Indeed, it's true that we're disconnected, in part, because we've walled ourselves off to what's happening within. But, it's also the case that we've lost track of who we were created to be, our divine design, God's unique image within us with its possibility for fullness and flourishing in our lives.

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Part 4: Blessed Are
The Poor in Spirit



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Samwise Gamgee, (*LOTR: The Two Towers*, JRR Tolkien)

How could the world go back to the way it was when so much bad has happened?

Rich Villodas

The sermon is not how we achieve salvation. It is how we demonstrate it.

Matthew 5:1-3 NIV

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

Spiritually Bankrupt

Blessed

When we have Jesus' perspective on blessing, it will help us view our situations differently.

You could say blessed is the person who has a profound neediness for God.

The Bible Project

Makarios: Oh, how fortunate. Oh, how happy. Oh, how flourishing. Oh, how blessed.

Rich Villodas

To receive the kingdom of heaven all that you need is nothing.