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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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LORD’S DAY 19 APRIL 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 121

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 5 – “Command Thy Blessing From Above”

Opening Prayer

John Poh

Responsive Reading

Psalm 49

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 49:1–9
(to the tune of Grene Hill, RHC 192)

Scriptural Text

Luke 18:9–14

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Brian Harper

Sermon Message

“Blessed are the poor in spirit”

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 386 – “Be Thou My Vision”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Brian Harper

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* Congregation Stands

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord is in His holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
Amen.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 1

Q: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Comments:

The chief end of a thing means the *chief purpose for which it is made*. For instance, the chief end of a window is to let in light. Man’s chief end is *to serve* God; and if he do so faithfully on earth, he will be happy with him for ever in heaven.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 10:31, Revelation 7:15-17

Dear brethren, this week's article is written by Rev Brian Harper specially for our edification.

Blessed are the poor in Spirit

Last Sunday morning in introducing "The Sermon on the Mount" I concluded with a reference to Matthew 6:33. From that verse I indicated our duty to submit to our King and then the King's duty to us, namely, to supply our needs.

I was therefore interested to read on Monday morning a comment by Dr. John "Rabbi" Duncan. He stated: "Take care of His cause, and He will take care of your interests; look after His glory, and He will look after your comfort". This is a great application of our text.

This morning we begin this sermon on the mount with what we call The Beatitudes. The word "beatitude" is related to the Latin *beatus*, which means "blessed". This is the word that begins each of the eight affirmations that Jesus makes in Matthew 5:3-10. John MacArthur points out that the Greek word is *makarios*, an adjective meaning "happy". It describes the happy, blissful condition of the soul; a happiness that does not have its source in any human effort or earthly circumstance whatsoever.

It has to do with "being" something – being a privileged recipient of God's gracious favour and unmerited blessing. This is why when we say that someone is "blessed", we are speaking of a derivative happiness. We mean that they are the recipients of something given to them by God.

True happiness, true blessedness, is a gift of God's grace. It's a happiness that can never be affected by the things of this world. It's the settled, inner satisfaction and bliss that comes to those who are in God's favour through Jesus Christ.

This first Beatitude therefore is really nothing less than a summarisation of the whole doctrine of justification by faith. In just a few words, it lets us know that no one will ever be declared righteous in God's sight on the basis of their own performance. It puts to death the whole idea of "spiritual self-sufficiency" before God. It condemns the idea altogether; instead, it affirms to us the truth of that famous line in the 3rd stanza of the 18th century hymn by Augustus M. Toplady: "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling". (Rock of Ages)

| MEMORY VERSE | |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">This Week <i>"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."</i> Matthew 5:3</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Last Week <i>"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."</i> Matthew 5:16</p> |

New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
The Sermon on the Mount – Part 2
“Blessed are the poor in spirit”
Rev Brian D Harper
19th April 2026

Introduction

1. The perfection we face:

To restrain sin

To convict sinners

To direct saints

2. The poverty we feel:

The character of the Pharisee

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The content of his prayer

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The concern of the Publican

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

3. The peace we find:

His role

Our role

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

We thank God for providing Rev Brian Harper to minister to us today.

Rev Harper will be ministering to us until the end May.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

After-Service Fellowship – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service.

Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

Afternoon Bible Study – For the duration of Rev Harper's ministry, he will be conducting the study on Philippians. This week's study is taken from Philippians 2:12–18.

Children's Sunday School – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 19th April

(written by Rev James Smith)

“Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.” Psalms 119:37

WHAT poor, dull, lifeless creatures we often feel ourselves to be; and how needful is this prayer. It is our duty to run in the way of God's commandments; it is our misery that through sin, weakness, and temptation, we scarcely creep. We are dependent upon the Spirit for quickening. He only can strengthen, animate and enliven us. Let us sow unto the Spirit this morning. He is gracious, and a gracegiving Spirit. He delights to exalt and honour Jesus. Let us therefore beseech Him in Jesus' name, for His sake, that we may bring honour unto His cause, to quicken our souls.

Let us pray to Him to bring us near to God; for the nearer to God the happier, and holier, and livelier, we shall be. Let us ask Him to shed abroad the love of Jesus in our hearts; for the love of Christ will make us live well, bear the cross well, perform duties well, and die well. The command furnishes us with a rule, and the promise finds us strength; but it is only the Spirit that can put us in possession of the latter, and without that we cannot attend to the former, in a gospel spirit. The presence of Jesus, and the communications of His grace, are daily necessary to keep us lively, devoted, and working for God.

*I need the influence of Thy grace
To speed me in Thy way,
Lest I should loiter in my race,
Or turn my feet astray.*