

## **#Blessed: A Study of the Beatitudes**

Week 2: The Blessing of Poverty

*Text: Matthew 5:1-3*

### ***Introduction/Review***

Author-Audience-Aspirations-Approach

Alternate Views on the Kingdom of God - 1st Century Jews

- Pharisees:
- Sadducees:
- Essenes:
- Zealots:
- Herodians:

Meaning of "***Blessed***":

***Verse 3 - Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.***

**I. THE WORD FOR POVERTY**

**II. THE WORLD AND POVERTY**

**III. THE WEALTH OF POVERTY**

***Conclusion***