

**Beatitudes**  
**What The Bible Teaches About Being Blessed**

## BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO CONSIDERS THE POOR

Text: Psalm 41:1

Introduction:

1. “Where the word *blessed* is hung out as a sign, we may be sure that we shall find a godly man within.” - *Sir Richard Baker*
2. Biblically, the word “blessed” refers to those whose sufficiency comes from God and not from the circumstances of life.
3. The “blessed” are those who inherit the promise made to Abraham by conforming to God’s Will and being added to the body of Christ.
4. How does one properly consider the poor?

### I. Serving the Sick (Psalm 41:1)

- B. The word “poor” means: “*low, poor, weak, thin, one who is low.*”
  1. Generally, this word can refer to those who are downtrodden, poor, or the less fortunate in society.
  2. In the context of this psalm, the reference is to those who are low or weak in physical health – the sick.
- C. The word “consider” means: “*to look at, to behold; then, to be prudent or circumspect; then, to attend to; and then in general to act prudently, wisely, intelligently.*”
- D. Thus, to consider the poor is to look at the situation closely and use wisdom to properly attend to their needs. {*Another idea of this passage is likely that one should endeavor to ‘consider’ (or seek out) the poor.*}
- E. How do we serve the sick?
  1. Pray for them (James 5:13-14; 2 Chronicles 16:12).
  2. Encourage them.
  3. Visit them (Matthew 25:36, 43).
- E. To be one of God’s blessed, we must serve the sick.

### II. Nurturing the Needy (Psalm 106:3)

- A. The word “judgment” means: “*justice, equity.*”
- B. Those who are just and honest in life will remember the poor.
  1. Proverbs 14:21; 19:17; Job 29:12-16; 31:13-22
  2. Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Isaiah 58:7-11
  3. 2 Corinthians 9:6-14; Galatians 6:9-10
- C. Those who are unjust will mistreat others who are less fortunate than they.
  1. Ezekiel 34:1-6; 1 Kings 21:1-19 (Naboth’s vineyard)
  2. James 2:1-9
- D. Those who are just will care for others with no thought of reward (Luke 14:10-14; Galatians 2:10; Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 20:35; Ephesians 4:28).

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- III. Saving the Sinner (Isaiah 56:1-8)
- A. Those who consider the poor and keep judgment are fit citizens for the kingdom of Christ.
  - B. Furthermore, they realize that the salvation offered by God through Christ is available to all men – strong or weak, rich or poor.
  - C. They also understand that man’s spiritual needs are greater than his physical needs.
  - D. Thus, the blessed individual will go into the highways and byways to seek and save the lost and offer them the joy of the blessed life!

Conclusion:

- 1. One who is blessed of God will consider the poor by serving the sick and nurturing the needy.
- 2. His attitude is one of compassion and concern for his fellow man.
- 3. Thus, he seeks what is best for his neighbor – whether friend or enemy.