

When “Bad Things” Happen to “Good People”

Reference: **Matthew 5:3**

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The 3 most important things in real estate are: _____,
_____, _____?

The 3 most important things in studying Scripture are: _____,
_____, _____.

Here’s our verse Reference: **Matthew 5:3**,

_____ are the (=) _____ for theirs is (••)
the _____.

Both the Old Testament and the New Testament used 2 sets of words for
“_____.”

OT – barak and eshre

NT – eulogeos and makarios

I like to say them as _____ and _____, Bless-ed
meaning esteemed, receiving favor

Reference: **Psalm 32:1** *Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.*

The Greek word for bless-ed used here is *Makarios*. It meant
_____, _____, even _____ - the highest stage
or well-being; a position achievable only by the gods.

The Kingdom of Heaven, or Kingdom of God is the _____,
_____, and _____ of God here on _____.

Matthew uses the word *ptochos*. It describes someone who cowers, is
_____. It describes the “_____”.
_____. It’s a word commonly used for _____.

(NOTE: Luke 14:15-24)

Words of Rev. Dr. Samuel Rodriguez from Matthew 5:3 *God blesses
those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of
Heaven is theirs”*

*“Uncertainty is the only certainty there is, and knowing how to live with
insecurity is the only security.” ~ John Allen Paulos*

Reference: **Psalm 23:4**, *“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and
Your staff, they comfort me.”*

Reference: **Job 42:5**, *“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But
now my eye sees You.”*

Reference **James 1:12** (ESV), *“Blessed is the man (or woman) who
remains steadfast (perseveres) under trial, for when he has stood the
test he will receive the crown of life”*

A CERTAIN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Wisely enough, God does not let us skip ahead in the story of our lives

But rather leads us page by page

To its understandable conclusion in Him

And so, as each of us faces an uncertain future

We can trust in God's promise as expressed by Jeremiah:

For I know the plans I have for you," saith the Lord,

They are plans for good and not for evil

To give a future and a hope.
