



# Before the THRONE

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Psalm 113:7 – 9

“He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the dunghill that He may set them with princes, even the princes of His people. He makes the barren women to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD.” Psalm 113:7 – 9

God specializes in the hard cases. Men give up hope, but God – only God – can make the pauper a prince. Rough fishermen become fishers of men when they follow after Him. Tax collectors now call men to liberty from their sins because they have received of His mercy first. A legalistic Pharisee is transformed into the Apostle of Grace after having been confronted by the Resurrected One! Only God!

Whatever your past holds with its shame and guilt when yielded to Christ can be full of hope and promise. “He raises up the poor out of the dust.” Why is it that the poor are specifically called to this exaltation? Did not Jesus say, “Blessed are the poor in spirit” – that is, those who are empty of themselves, those who recognize their need, and those who see they’re are not righteous of themselves!

Never equate “poor in spirit” with simply a material poverty or even with a “poverty of spirit.” One is eternal in nature and the other is a temporary insufficiency. One is a vessel to be filled with all of God Himself – the other is only full of self and moral bankruptcy.

“Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.” (James 4:10)

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