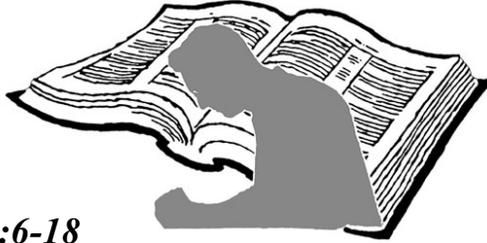


This Poor Man Cried

Psalm 34:6-18



“This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles” (Psalm 34:6). “I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me” (Psalm 40:17). “O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy” (Psalm 86:1). “I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying” (Psalm 70:5). “I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded...Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to Thy mercy” (Psalm 109:22,26). “Blessed are the poor in spirit” (Matt. 5:3). How blessed and happy is the person who realizes his spiritual poverty and utter bankruptcy. I am totally lacking. I do not have what is needed. I do not have the resources that are required. I do not have the ability: “How to perform that which is good I find not” (Rom. 7:18). My hands are empty, my heart is wounded, and I have come to the end of myself. It is the very place I need to be to discover the provision of God.

Cursed is the man who says, “I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing” (Rev. 3:17). Blessed is the man who sees how spiritually bankrupt he really is. I am poor and needy, but my God is rich and sufficient. He is all I need. With Him I have all and lack nothing.

“Who is sufficient for these things?” (2 Cor. 2:16) Certainly not I, “but [my] sufficiency is of God” (2 Cor. 3:5). God’s grace is enough for me (2 Cor. 12:9), “always having all sufficiency in all things” (2 Cor. 9:8). This poor man cried and found a great God who swallows up his poverty with His rich treasures of grace. **In Him, I have all and abound!**

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