

How to Deepen Your Understanding of Scripture During Devotions

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Words Change

- ★ Nice = silly, foolish, simple
- ★ Clue = ball of yarn
- ★ Heartburn = jealousy or hatred
- ★ Awful = worthy of awe

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"There is, one knows not what sweet mystery about this sea, whose gently awful stirrings seems to speak of some hidden soul beneath..."

- *Moby Dick*

Blessed (makarios)

- happy
- fortunate
- enviable

Poor in Spirit (ptochos)

- destitute
- spiritually poor
- “bent over”
- “to crouch or cower like a beggar”

Kingdom (basileia)

- The realm in which a king sovereignly rules

Mourning (pentheo)

- grieve over a death
- grieve over a hope that dies
- lament
- bewail
- feel guilt

They Will Be Comforted (parakaleo)

- make a call from being up close and personal
- personally making a call
- offering up evidence that stands up in God's court

Meek (praus)

- means more than meek
- demonstrating power without undue harshness

Will Inherit (kleronomeo)

- obtain
- possess
- acquire by inheritance

Earth (gen)

- the earth
- God's arena
- the physical theater in which our destiny plays out

Hunger (peinao)

- to crave ardently
- to seek with eager desire

Thirst (dipsao)

- desire earnestly

Righteousness (dikaiosune)

- the approval of God
- God's judicial approval

Filled (chortazo)

- satisfied

Merciful (eleemon)

- full of pity
- compassionate
- Hebrews 2:17 “Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”

Receive Mercy (eleeo)

- to succor one afflicted or needing mercy

Pure (katharos)

- clean
- unstained
- guiltless
- innocent
- upright
- free from corrupt desire (in an ethical sense)

Heart (karia)

- word used over 800 times but never refers to the literal blood-pumping organ
- center and seat of spiritual life
- the soul or mind as it is the fountain of thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavors

Will See (opsontai)

- to see with the eyes

Peacemakers (eirenopoioi)

- only time this word is used in Scripture
- loving peace
- a peacemaker

Will Be Called (kaleo)

- to be said to be
- to be acknowledged as

Children/Son (Huioi)

- children in KJV
- son in NASB
- a son by birth or adoption