2—7. ST. MATTHEW. 25   
   
 saying, ° Blessed are the °poor in spirit: for their’s is the °fry="   
   
 kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are they that ? mourn: for » fia   
 they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the 4meek : for they 97s"   
 shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are they which do hun-   
 ger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.   
 7 Blessed are the merciful: for ‘they shall obtain mercy. \*Pss-71.   
   
   
 3—16.) Taz Description oF THE in the e at Nazareth, Luke iv.   
 Lorp’s Disorr.es, BLESSEDNESS, . the meek] A citation from Ps.   
 anp Diemity. 8. the poor in xxxvii. 11. The usnal dividers and al-   
 “ He said not, ld ia ions, pet lotters of the earth being mighty and   
 ‘in spirit?’ lowly in purpose an proud conquerors, and the Messiah being   
 in soul.” Euthymius. “ it is poor expected as such a ueror, this an-   
 in spirit?’ the humble and contrite in nouncement that the should inherit   
 heart.” Chrys.—The meaning of volun- the earth, at the root of the tem-   
 tery poverty, as that of the religious poral ions of power wealth   
 orders, given some of the Fathers, oa in the Messiah’s This meek-   
 man; ish interpreters, out of ness is not mere outward lowliness de-   
 OT ation, As little can the bare Borat meanour, but that true meeknese of Eph.   
 sense of the words, which Julian scoffed iv. 2, whose active side is love, its   
 at, be understood: viz. who are ill- passive side long-suffering. the pro-   
 Swrnished in mind, and uneducated. See mise, compare Wii. 18—16; Ix. 21;   
 Rev. iii. The idea (De Wette) is not 1 Cor. iii. 22. That kingdom of God   
 it that our Lord may have had which begins in the of the disciples   
 @ reference to the poor and subjugated of Christ, and is not “of (sprung from)   
 Jewish people around him, once members this world,’ shall work onwards till it   
 of the theocracy, and now expectants of shall become actually kingdom over this   
 the Messiah’s temporal kin, 3 and, earth, and its subjects shall the   
 from their. condition and hopes, taken earth: first in its and finally   
 oceasion to to them the deeper in its renewed and blessed state ever.   
 spiritual truth. their’s is the king- 6.] See Ps. cvii. Ixv. 4; xxii.   
 dom of heaven] See Luke iv. 17—21: 26: Isa. xli. This hunger and thirst   
 James ii. 5. The kingdom must here be is the true of that new life which   
 understood in its widest sense: as the those born of the Spirit (John iii. 5)   
 combination of all rights of Christian have entered ; it is after   
 citizenship in this world, and eternal i.e. perfect to the holy of   
 bleasedness in the next, ch. 38. But God. This was His meat, John iv. 84,   
 Tholuck well observes, that all senses They shall be sati in the heaven   
 of “the kingdom of God,” or “of heaven,” will be done on earth, it is in righte-   
 or “of Christ,” are different of ousness, 2 Pet. iii. 13. Compare shew   
 the same great idea—the sxbjection of all remarkable by alms only, but by words:   
 . things to God in Christ. 4] The hunger we have no after righteousness,   
 spiritnal qualification the former verse admirably set is the in the three first   
 must be carried to this, the mourn- wide is this command: They shall obtain   
 ing understood to mean not only that on mercy, here, from men; and there, from   
 account of sin, but such as jens to God,” Euthymius, expanding Chrysostora.   
 a man in the spiritual life. such This beatitude comprises every degree of   
 mourners are blessed: for the Father of sympathy and mutual love and help;   
 mercies and God of all consolation that falness it which is shed abroad in   
 their covenant God, His comfort shall those who have been forgiven much, and   
 overbear all their and taste the therefore love much,—down to those’   
 sweeter for it. In Luke ii. 25, Mes- first. of the new birth, even   
 siah’s is called the consolation of among those who know not the Lord,   
 Ierael.”—This beatitude is by many edi-   
 tors placed after 5. But the autho-   
 rity is no means decisive, and I   
 see how the logical of the sen-   
 tence is by it.—In placing these   
 two beatitudes first, follows the