

Series "The King And His Kingdom"
"The Blessing Of Mourning"
Matthew 5:4
Study-10

Jesus says: Luke 6:21 Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
Luke 6:25 Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

Proverbs 14:13

Matthew 5-7 "The Sermon on The Mount" (Standard and Practice)

Matthew 5:3-12 Jesus starts with what are called **"The Beatitudes,"** meaning *"Have these attitudes" or "Beautiful Attitudes"*

There are Eight Beatitudes:

Beatitudes 1-4 Our Response to God (Poor, Mourn, Gentle, Hunger)

Beatitudes 5-8 Our Response to Man (Merciful, Pure, Peacemaker, Persecuted)

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Blessed Are Those Who Mourn, For We Receive The Comfort Of Forgiveness, And Comfort Of His Communion."

- 1. Who Is The Blessed?**
- 2. What Is Mourning?**
- 3. What Is The Blessing Of Mourning?**
- 4. How Does One Become A Mourner?**

1. Who Is The Blessed?

Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed" *"Oh how happy.....To be envied...happiness"*

This word was used of Greek gods that alone were said to have possessed joy and happiness

Blessed (divine happiness) is God's blessing and approval upon us,
Literally, *"The applause of heaven,"* a result of God Himself being pleased with us.

Who Is The Blessed?

Those that God approves, heaven applauds, they have the blessing from Him.
(Those who have longed for God's approval over mans.)

#1 Beatitude is "Blessed is the Poor in spirit"

This is Spiritual Bankruptcy.

John Stott says, "It is one thing to be spiritually poor and acknowledge it; it is another to grieve and to mourn over it... confession is one thing, contrition is another"

#2 Beatitude Those Who Mourn:

2. What Is Mourning?

Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Five Things Jesus Does Not Mean by Mourning:

1. Jesus Is Not Referring To "Mourning Over The Dead."

Death is surely a hard pill to swallow. **Genesis 23:2**

2. Jesus Is Not Referring To "Mourning Over Personal Disappointments."

These disappointments can be spiritual, or they can be selfish.

The selfish sinful disappointment of Ahaz over the vineyard of Naboth:

1 Kings 21:1-4

Amnon mourned over Tamar: 2 Samuel 13:1-2

3. Jesus Is Not Referring To "Mourning over Consequences" (Remorse)

Judas felt remorse – Matthew 27:3-5; 2 Corinthians 7:10

4. Jesus Is Not Referring To "Mourning for Mourning Sake"

Philippians 4:8

5. Jesus Is Not Referring To "Blessed Are The Grim, Cheerless Christians"

Ecclesiastes 3:4; Proverbs 17:22

mourn - Jesus is using the strongest word available.

It means, *"to grieve or wail," as when a loved one dies.*

It is deep sorrow that causes the soul to ache and the heart to break.

Mourn present tense, *"present and continuous action, ongoing"*

Jesus is speaking of "Mourning Over Sin."

To mourn is to have a deep inner agony, not just external, but intense sorrow.
(Ongoing, doesn't stop)

Souls: Romans 3:10; Other souls - Psalm 119:136

Words: Romans 3:13

Deeds: Romans 3:15-16

Those who are gripped by grief as seen in **Psalm 34:18**

We must weep over what we have become, and we will, when we recognize that our sin is not just unfortunate, but horrendous before a holy God.
James 4:9

Luke 6:21, 25
Luke 4:16-19

Who are the Captives?

Captives of sin - Sinners free - forgiven!

#1 Beatitude Poor In Spirit: (Mind/Conviction)

#2 Beatitude Those Who Mourn: (Heart/Repentance)

How do people look at sin?

- 1. Some Deny It: Romans 3:10 "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;**
- 2. Some Accept It:** "I'm not perfect, but I'm trying, I just need a little more effort."
- 3. Some Despair Of It:** They turn to suicide, alcohol, drugs, etc.
- 4. Some Admit It:** Recognize their spiritual bankruptcy and their vileness

Not Regret – (Mind) This is when we remember stuff that we're sorry about.

Not Remorse – (Heart) While regret is primarily in the mind, remorse comes from the heart.

By Repentance - When someone repents, they are serious about changing what they've been doing. **Repent** - the word literally "*means to change one's mind,*" **Matthew 26:75 says, "he wept bitterly."**

The Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-21

The Apostle Paul: Romans 7:18-25

2 Corinthians 7:8-10; Psalm 34:18

Are we sorry for our sins?

Or, do we have deep sorrow about our sinfulness?

3. What Is The Blessing Of Mourning?

Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

they – The Pro-noun is emphatic - the sense is: "*Blessed are those who mourn, for they, and just they alone will be comforted*"

for they shall be comforted.

The actual sense of Jesus words - Literally *"they will be immediately comforted, and they will continue to be so"*

1. Comforted Through Forgiveness From The Debt Of Sin: Ephesians 2:4-10

**2. Comforted Through Communion & Power Of The Holy Spirit:
(Sanctification) John 14:16**

3. Comforted With The Future Of Glorification: Romans 8:18-25; I John 3:2;

4. How Does One Become A Mourner?

1. Look At The Cross: The sacrifice and price of the cross – Our great need of Jesus Christ. **(We are not saved through the life of Jesus but through His death!) He died and was punished for our sins! Substitute!**

2. Do A Study On The Word Sin: Luke 5:8

1 Timothy 1:15 Paul considered himself chief of sinners -
Jeremiah 9 Jeremiah wept over sin

Isaiah 6:5 Isaiah cried **"Woe is me, I am ruined."**
Where do we stand?.....GUILTY!

3. Need to ask God for a broken heart: Luke 18:13-14

Application:

1. Who Is The Blessed? Those Approved By God. Those That Are Pleasing To God.
2. What Is Mourning? Weeping Over Our Sins That Have Offended A Holy God.
3. What Is The Blessing Of Mourning? We Are Received By God And Receive The Comfort Of Acceptance And Forgiveness. **Psalms 34:18**
4. How Does One Become A Mourner? Look At The Cross, Study What Sin Really Is, And Ask God To Give You A Mourner's Heart.