

Matthews Gospel "The Sermon On The Mount"
"The Comfort of Mourning"
Matthew 5:4
Part-9

- Proverbs 14:13
- Ecclesiastes 7:2-4

(Standard and Practice)

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

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

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

We will ask 4 questions in our study this morning

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

1. Who Are The Blessed?

"**Blessed**" "Oh how happy.....To be envied...happiness" This word was used of Greek gods that alone were said to have possessed a joy and happiness that could only be enjoyed in the divine.

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. That if we truly want God, if we truly want the spiritual than these beatitudes are for us.

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

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

"Blessed are those who are so desperately poor in their spiritual resources that they realize they must have help from an outside source."

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2. What Is Mourning?

5 Things Jesus Does Not Mean by Mourning

1. Jesus is not speaking about "Mourning over the Dead."

- Gen 23:2

2. Jesus is not speaking about "Mourning over Personal Disappointments"

- 1 Kings 21:1-4

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

3. Jesus is not speaking about "Mourning over Consequences" (Remorse)

Judas felt remorse – • Matt 27:3-5

- 2 Cor 7:10

4. Jesus is not speaking about "Mourning for Mourning Sake"

- Philip 4:8

5. Jesus is not speaking about "Blessed are the grim, cheerless Christians"

- Prov 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.

Jesus is speaking of "**Mourning over Sin.**" To mourn is to have a deep inner agony, not just external, but intense sorrow.

- Psalm 34:18
- James 4:9
- Luke 6:21,25

- Luke 4:16-19

1st Beatitude Poor in spirit - (Intellectual, Conviction)

2nd Beatitude those who mourn - (Emotional, Repentance)

How do people look at sin?

1. Some **Deny** it - • Romans 3:10
2. Some **Accept** it -
3. Some **Despair** of it -
4. Some **Admit** it - Recognize their spiritual bankruptcy and Their vileness turn to God in weeping repentance.

Not Regret – (Mind)

Not Remorse – (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," and is often accompanied with tears. Peter when he realized that he had forsaken the Lord, Matthew 26:75 says, "he wept bitterly."

The Prodigal Son: • Luke 15:11-21

The Apostle Paul: • Romans 7:18-25

Sorrow is a necessary part of the Christian life. **"There is one thing worse than sin, that is the denial of sin, that makes forgiveness impossible"**

- 2 Cor 7:8-10

3. What Is The Blessing Of Mourning?

they – The Pro-noun is emphatic - the sense is: "Blessed are those who mourn, **for they, and 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 thru forgiveness from the debt of Sin:

- Eph 2:4-10

**2. Comforted thru Communion & power of the Holy Spirit:
(Sanctification)**

**3. Comforted with the future of glorification: as seen in
• I John 3:2 and • Rom 8:18-25**

4. How Does One Become A Mourner?

1. Look at The Cross

2. Do a study on the word "sin" Luke 5:8 - Peter said "Depart from me for I am a sinful man."

- 1 Tim 1:15
- Jer. 9
- Isa. 6:5

3. Need to ask God for a broken heart

- Luke 18:13-14

Application:

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1. Who Are 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.

4. How Does One Become A Mourner? Look at the cross, study what sin really is, ask God to give you a heart.