

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

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Matthew 5:1-4

1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the **poor in spirit** (*humility, seeing the depth of their need and depravity*), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “**BLESSED** are those who **MOURN**, for they shall be **COMFORTED**.

MOURN (*pentheo*) - manifested grief, lament, feel guilt, so severe it takes possession of a person and cannot be hid

COMFORTED (*parakaleo*) - to encourage, exhort, urge, to become consoled, to call to, to call for

- **the MOURNING Jesus speaks of is a mourning:**
 - *over the condition and corruption of sinful man and the world system*
 - *of the internal war that exists within the Christian of spirit vs flesh*
 - *over sins we've committed*

James 4:7–10

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. **Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**

9 Be **wretched and mourn and weep**. Let your laughter **be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom**.

10 **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.**

- ***without mourning, we will never know the comfort of God, for mourning brings us to repentance***
- ***this mourning is a vital and necessary part of the Christian's faith and life; it should be embraced, for without it we are reprobate***
- ***this mourning will be a vital and necessary part of the Christian's faith and life as long as we are on the earth occupying fleshly bodies surrounded by the world system***

Romans 8:22–25

22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **GROAN** (*stenazo - moan, sigh, groan, grieve, complain*) **inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.**

24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Galatians 5:16-17

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

2 Corinthians 7:9–11

9 As it is, I rejoice, not because you were **GRIEVED** (*lupeo - distress, grieve, cause sorrow*), but because you were **GRIEVED** (*lupeo - distress, grieve, cause sorrow*) **INTO REPENTING**. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us.

10 For **godly grief** produces a **repentance that leads to salvation without regret**, whereas **worldly grief produces death**.

11 For see what **EARNESTNESS** this godly grief has produced in you, but also what **EAGERNESS TO CLEAR YOURSELVES**, what **INDIGNATION**, what **FEAR**, what **LONGING**, what **ZEAL**, what **PUNISHMENT!** At every point you have **PROVED YOURSELVES INNOCENT** in the matter.

- **EARNESTNESS** (*spouden*) *eagerness, excited fervor to do something or accomplish some end*
- **EAGERNESS TO CLEAR YOURSELVES** (*apologian*) *defense, reply, defend yourself in a court of law*
- **INDIGNATION** (*aganaktesin*) *extreme emotional disturbance, horror, distress, righteous indignation*
- **FEAR** (*phobon*) *emotion experienced in anticipation of pain or danger, desire to flee or fight*
- **LONGING** (*epipotesin*) *deep desire, prolonged desire or need*
- **ZEAL** (*zelon*) *earnest concern, jealousy, excessive fervor to do something or accomplish some end*
- **PUNISHMENT** (*ekdikesisin*) *vengeance, punishment, the act of meting out justice according to the law*

1 John 2:1-2

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. **But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**

2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 Corinthians 15:42–44

42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

Isaiah 61:1–4

1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; **TO COMFORT ALL WHO MOURN;**

3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

4 They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.