

MATTHEW 5 - THE BEATITUDES

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**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,**  
**FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.**

“Blessed are those who mourn,  
*for they will be comforted.*”

MATTHEW 5.4

*penthein* - intimate, intense, heartbreaking sorrow

*panakalein* - <sup>(1)</sup>to be comforted or consoled (cf. Psalm 94.19)

<sup>(2)</sup>to find an ally or a helper (cf. Romans 15.13))

<sup>(3)</sup>to exhort or encourage (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2.16)

► **The God who grieves over sin—**

*The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.*

GENESIS 6.5-6 ESV

## ► The Savior who mourns over judgment—

*As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”*

LUKE 19.41-44

► **Blessed are those who mourn with God's heart—**

*Then the LORD called to the man clothed in linen who had the writing kit at his side and said to him, “Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it.”*

EZEKIEL 9.3-4

*My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because men do not keep Thy laws.*

PSALM 119.136

*See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling  
to punish the people of the earth for their sins.  
The earth will disclose the blood shed on it;  
the earth will conceal its slain no longer.  
For your hands are stained with blood,  
your fingers with guilt.  
Your lips have spoken falsely,  
and your tongue mutters wicked things.  
Their feet rush into sin;  
they are swift to shed innocent blood.*

ISAIAH 26.21; 59.3, 7

► **The worshiper who mourns his sin—**

*Because of Your wrath there is no health in my body;  
there is no soundness in my bones because of my sin.*

*My guilt has overwhelmed me  
like a burden too heavy to bear.*

*My wounds fester and are loathsome  
because of my sinful folly.*

*I am bowed down and brought very low;  
all day long I go about mourning.*

PSALM 38.3-6

*A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.*

*Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."*

*The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"*

*Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."*

LUKE 7.36-50



► **They shall be comforted—**

*The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me to comfort all who mourn;  
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.*

ISAIAH 61.1-3

► **The Savior who shares our sorrow—**

*He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.  
Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows . . .*

ISAIAH 53.3-4

## ► The God of all comfort—

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.*

2 CORINTHIANS 1.3-5

► ***“for they shall be comforted.”*** –

*Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”*

REVELATION 21.1-4