

Blessed
Comfort for “Those who Mourn”

Matthew 5:4
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Matthew 5 ⁴ *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. (NIV)*

Romans 8 ²⁸ *We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God. (CEV)*

I. How does God bless us when we Mourn?

1. He draws us closer to Him.

Psalms 34 ¹⁸ *The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. (NLT)*

Deuteronomy 31 ⁶ *The Lord your God will always be at your side, and he will never abandon you. (CEV)*

2. He uses our grief to help us grow.

2 Corinthians 4 ¹⁷ *Our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!* ¹⁸ *So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. (CEV)*

Proverbs 20 ³⁰ *Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways. (GNT)*

James 4 ⁸ *Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. (NIV)*

3. He comforts us through our church.

Romans 12 ¹⁵ *Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. (NLT)*

1 Thessalonians 5 ¹¹ *So comfort each other and make each other strong as you are already doing. (NLT)*

Acts 2 ⁴⁶ *They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. (NLT)*

4. He gives us the promise of heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4 ¹³ *And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. ¹⁵ We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the*

earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words. (NLT)

2 Corinthians 5 ⁸ *Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. (NLT)*

II. Action Steps

1. If you've suffered a loss, don't resist mourning over it. God blesses those who mourn, and He will comfort you.
2. Join a Life Group or Service Team.
3. Invite someone to the Christmas Service.