



Blessed are those who Mourn

In this second beatitude, Jesus points out "Joy in Sorrow."

- Remember these are spiritual qualities of citizens of Jesus' kingdom
- Mourning here is not connected to anyone's death, funeral homes, or memorial services

1. This beatitude is directly tied in to the first one, "blessed are the poor in spirit"

- Poor in spirit is what we are. It's seeing ourselves as we truly are
- This leads to how we feel about that situation. It causes us sorrow. We mourn.

The word Jesus uses here (pentheo) is that of extreme grief. It's a broken heart based upon the sins one has committed.

Some deny their sins
Some blame others for their sins
Some just put it out of their minds

2. This is our _____ to our sins

- ❑ James 4:9 "Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into gloom."
- ❑ 1 Corinthians 5:2 "You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst."
- ❑ Luke 7:36-39 "...and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with perfume."
- ❑ Luke 18:13 "But the tax collector, standing some distance away was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to Heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, the sinner!"
- ❑ Matthew 26:75 "And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, 'Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly."

Ecc 7:3 "Sorrow is better than laughter, for when a face is sad a heart may be happy"

Three Times Jesus Cried
At the tomb of Lazarus (Jn 11:35)
Over _____ (Lk 19:41)
In the _____ (Heb 5:7)

2 Cor 7:9-10 Two Kinds of Sorrow
1. Godly sorrow is _____
It is based upon God
It leads to _____
It is without _____
2. Worldly sorrow is _____
Is not based upon God
It does not bring about _____
It leads to _____

- We do not help matters when we tell people "It's ok."
- We do not help matters when we think crying is a sign of weakness
All sunshine makes a desert

Luke's account of this beatitude: "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh" (6:21)
Happy are the _____

B. God comforts

- Ps 51:7-12
- 1. We are comforted through God's saving _____ & _____
- 2. We are comforted through God's _____
- 3. We are comforted through God's _____ and assurances
It is _____ who comforts
The mourning doesn't _____
- Lk 15:20

Psalms 56:8 "You have taken account of my wanderings; put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your book?"

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