

Blessed Are They That Mourn

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This beatitude pronounces blessing upon those who grieve—particularly over sin, both personal and corporate. While including natural sorrow, the primary meaning involves mourning over the sinful condition that separates humanity from God. Those who truly see their spiritual poverty will mourn over it. They weep over their own transgressions, the church's unfaithfulness, and the world's rebellion against God. Such mourners receive divine comfort—the consolation of forgiveness, the assurance of salvation, and the hope of glory.

Key Verses

Matthew 5:4

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted... to comfort all that mourn.

2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

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