

LAWS FOR LIVING IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5 Part 2

Nine Beautiful Attitudes **Attitudes We Need to Have** **Blessed = CONTENTMENT**

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

² Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ **Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.**

⁵ Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:1-6

⁴ ***Blessed are those who mourn***

World would say just the opposite Blessed are those that never have to cry

If we could only go thru life without pain sorrow crying heartache moan or groan it would be wonderful!

JESUS emphasized **CHARACTER** over circumstances and conditions!

I walked a mile with Pleasure; She chattered all the way, But left me none the wiser For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow, And ne'er a word said she; But oh, the things I learned from her,

When Sorrow walked w/ me!

---Robert Browning Hamilton

>JESUS put the emphasis on what you **ARE** not what you have!

>JESUS DID NOT say blessed are popular, powerful, personalities, wealthy, influential, etc.

>JESUS IS NOT talking about the miserable, whiners, cry babies, moaners, pity parties!

"Mourn" strong, deep word [Gr. pēnth é ō] *mourn at the graveside of dearest loved one/friend*

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those whose spirits are crushed! Psalm 34:18

Do the things that break Jesus heart break yours?

THREE Basic Concepts About

⁴ ***Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.***

1. Our **Sin** Should Cause Us to MOURN ⁴ ***Blessed are those who mourn***

We need to see the POWER of Sin!

>**Deceptive POWER of Sin** Matthew 5:21, 22

The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked!

Who really knows how bad it is? Jeremiah 17:9

>**Defiling POWER of Sin** Matthew 5:29-30 The Eye & The Hand

> **Destroying POWER of Sin** Matthew 5:30-31

2. Our Mourning Should Lead Us to **Repentance** 2 Corinthians 7:10-14

¹⁰ *For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.*

metamelomai sorry how it turned out, got caught

regret or remorse

metanoia broken hearted causes a desire to change ways

repentance

The Perfect examples are Peter and Judas

Regret and Remorse DO NOT produce salvation. Repentance Does!

Repentance leads to Faith and Salvation

The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

Psalm 51:17

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

3. When We Repent Our God Will Comfort Us! *shall be comforted*

No greater comfort than to be poor in spirit and to mourn with a Godly sorrow over that sin which leads to true repentance (not remorse not regret). A repentance that leads to Faith in Christ for Salvation. The kingdom of heaven is Ours to enter one day!

Comfort not a sympathetic pat on the back! *There, there, now*

“Comfort” interesting English word, but even more interesting in the original Greek

You encourage me by giving me strength. Ps 138:3 How? Through His Holy Spirit

Para-kal-é-ō [call alongside of] Holy Spirit is our *Comforter* John 14:16

Now Are We Perfect? No way! ⁸ *If we [believers] claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.* ⁹ *But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.* ¹⁰ *If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that His word has no place in our hearts. My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. **But** if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate*

[Comforter--parakletos] *who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.*

I John 1:8-2:1