

Blessed: Those Who Mourn

Matthew 5:4

Review:

- The blessing statements are an introduction and foundation for the Sermon on the Mount.
- There are eight blessing statements. Each contains a condition and a promise.
- The conditions focus more on who we are to be rather than what we are to do.
- Two of the rewards are present while the other six are future.
- The rewards represent inaugurated eschatology; the kingdom of heaven is already and not yet—already inaugurated but not yet consummated.
- Blessed refers to a state of deep joy and happiness resulting from a relationship with God and the good gifts He gives.

1. Those who Mourn

- Mourning is the logical next step of being poor in spirit.
- When we know our sin and impoverished spiritual condition, we mourn.
- Isaiah 61:1-2 is the background for this blessing statement.

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The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

- In Isaiah 61, the people are broken, poor, and captive because of their sin and the sin of those around them.

2. They will be Comforted

- Isaiah promises comfort and hope for God's people as He restores them.
- Jesus gives the same promise to all who are broken over sin.
- The "will be" indicates the comfort comes directly from God.

When we mourn over sin, the Creator of the universe will comfort us.