

# The Blessed Life

## A Study of the Beatitudes

Sunday Morning, February 19, 2023 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

**Message Title: They that Mourn**

**Message Text:** Matthew 5:4

### Introduction:

*Matthew 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

Happy are the unhappy. This beatitude presents such an enormous paradox! Does Jesus want his followers to go through life continuously sad? Does God delight in our tears? What about all the joy that Holy Spirit is to produce in us? Today we will discover that it is through total brokenness that we are called close to be encouraged and strengthened.

## 1. What is \_\_\_\_\_?

*Matthew 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

NOTE: *In the near East, one could hire professional mourners. Wealthy families would hire mourners to grieve the death of loved ones. (See Matthew 9:23)*

DEFINITION—MOURN: to feel sadness and express it through vocalizations, tears, and ritual expressions of sadness and grief.

NOTE: This referred to “loud wailing” which was the strongest term for mourning in the Greek language.

QUOTE: Mourning is when you take the grief you have on the inside and express it on the outside.

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*Luke 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.*

## 2. How is Mourning \_\_\_\_\_?

NOTE: The first and second beatitude are a *paired concept*—humility and a mourning, broken or contrite spirit.

*Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One That inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, With him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

MOURNING = brokenness manifested audible weeping

QUOTE: It is one thing to be spiritually poor and acknowledge it; it is another to grieve and to mourn over it. Confession is one thing, contrition is another. —Stott

MOURNING OVER \_\_\_\_\_ SIN

*Luke 19:41–42 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.*

*Joel 1:13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: Howl, ye ministers of the altar: Come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: For the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.*

*Joel 2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, And let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, And give not thine heritage to reproach, That the heathen should rule over them: Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?*

*Psalms 119:136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, Because they keep not thy law.*

## MOURNING OVER \_\_\_\_\_ SIN

*James 4:8–10 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

QUOTE: In my morning devotions my soul was exceedingly melted, and bitterly mourned over my exceeding sinfulness and vileness. —David Brainerd; Journal entry from October 18, 1740

*Matthew 26:75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.*

*Isaiah 6:5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Comforts the Mourner?

*Matthew 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

COMFORT COMES FROM THE \_\_\_\_\_.

He is God of all Comfort — 2 Corinthians 1:3–4

Jesus is The Consolation of Israel — Luke 2:25

The Holy Spirit was given as another Comforter — John 14:16; Acts 9:31

DEFINITION—COMFORT: to call near

GOD HIMSELF CALLS THE BROKEN TO COME \_\_\_\_\_ IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE AND STRENGTHEN THEM.

*Psalm 34:18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.*

*Isaiah 61:1 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...*

THROUGH BROKENNESS WE CAN COME CLOSE TO GOD AND \_\_\_\_\_  
THAT HE IS.

*See Luke 15:11–32*

*Psalm 106:43–45 Many times did he deliver them; But they provoked him with their counsel, And were brought low for their iniquity. 44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, When he heard their cry: 45 And he remembered for them his covenant, And repented according to the multitude of his mercies.*

**Conclusion**

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