

## **Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ**

### **SoM: Beatitudes, Part 2**

Last time...Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

This time...Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Beatitude naturally follows the 1<sup>st</sup>

Seeing the truth about my spiritual poverty/bankruptcy/righteousness brings me to tears –

I am not the good person I thought I was

I always knew I wasn't perfect, but I am much worse than I thought

Is 59:1-2 is true...and I wail

Sin...including mine and yours...has led to

- temptation/trials/tribulations and affliction
- sorrow
- death

Last weekend: a pastor suddenly lost his wife, a church leader lost his child...  
what does God have to say to His faithful servants?

#### **Matt 5:4**

v4 Blessed:

- happy, oh so happy
- fortunate

mourn:

- grieve
- lament
- wail
- crushing, heartbreaking sorrow so deep it cannot be hidden

shall:

- expect...in the future
- determined or planned...in the future
- will...certainty

Not like “is” in v3...but the foundation is “is” of v3  
v4-9 are “shall”...future tense  
v10-12 is again “is”

comforted:

- consoled
- cheered
- relieved

As is the King, so should be the citizens of the Kingdom

The King mourns and shall be comforted

Gen 6:5-8

sin, death, corruption fills mankind, Creator is grieved but...  
Death is NOT a part of life...  
it is the wages of sin, an enemy  
that separates us from God (Is 59:1-2)

John 11:35, 41-44

sin, death and God's power to comfort

Ps 55:1-5

sin, death

- relationship via betrayal
- the life of a beloved

David betrayed Ahithophel his counselor (2 Sam 11)  
Ahithophel betrayed David (2 Sam 16-17)  
Ahithophel hanged himself

Jesus loved Judas...unto the very end ("Friend")  
Judas betrayed Jesus  
Judas hanged himself

Luke 19:41  
Luke 23:34

unbelief of His loved ones who are dead in their sins  
because John 19:30

Matt 4:1-2, 11  
Luke 22:41-44

in temptation and affliction  
sweat drops of blood, angel ministered/strengthened Him

Ps 86:17

Is 53:1-4, 10-12

Ps 18:4-6, 16-20

Phil 2:6-11

David, as a shadow of the Son of David, a Man of sorrows

Citizens mourn and shall be comforted by the God Who delights in mercy (Micah 7:18)

Is 61:1-3

Mark 5:22-24, 35-42 sin, death, death of a loved one  
Luke 7:11-16 the only son of the widow of Nain  
2 Sam 12:13-23 death of a child, due to sin  
future reunion known with certainty (innocence of a child)  
“Can I bring him back again?  
I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.”

Mark 16:9-10 *ff* death of our Lord  
Mark 16:6 sin and death are defeated!  
1 Cor 15:50-58  
Ps 23  
John 11:25-26

Ps 32:1-2, 10-11 sorrows...our sin  
Ps 30:4-5, 11-12

1 Cor 5:1-2 sin...death of a relationship, due to sin  
2 Cor 2:1-8 sinner mourns his sin and repents, and is comforted

2 Cor 12:20-21 over unrepentant sinners, people we love  
Ps 19:9  
Rev 16:5-7  
Rev 19:1-2a

Ps 119:49-50 in temptation and affliction  
Ps 119:71, 75-77  
1 Cor 14:3  
Ps 71:20-21 which hast showed me great and sore troubles,  
shalt quicken me again, and...comfort me on every side.  
afflicted for 12 years, healing in His wings

Mark 5:24-34  
2 Cor 4:8-11  
2 Cor 7:4-10, 13  
1 Peter 1:5-11

Blessed are they that mourn, for they SHALL be comforted

The question we all have: When?

When will they that mourn...when will we...be comforted?

When we are in the presence of God and His glory

1 Thes 4:13-18      reality of life on earth: sorrows

Rev 21:4              but comfort is available now too

When we are forgiven of our sin and our sins are mercifully removed as far as  
the east is from the west

When we hold tighter onto God than we do our loss and sorrow

Heb 4:14-16

Heb 12:1-4

When we receive by faith the gift of God's comfort

Ecc1 3:1-11

He makes all things beautiful...and we don't know how  
Rom 8:28

1 Peter 5:7

2 Cor 1:3-5

I read on a blog: "Genuine comfort ... the strength to endure the ravages of the Darkness  
without bitterness or despair ... is solely a gift. It is the expression of God's own  
presence, the assertion of God's own sovereignty over the Darkness."

Job 29

Job a shadow of Jesus

Mourners (v25) are comforted by God's

- preservation (v2)  
(Lord preserving my sons!)  
(Anna, can you say Amen?!)
- Light (v3)
- intimacy/communion (v4)
  - Holy Spirit, in and upon
  - Word/testimony
- righteousness (v14)

I imagine most if not all of us have lost a loved one...and we weren't ready to lose them  
Perhaps the pain has stopped  
Perhaps it has dulled  
Perhaps you feel like it will never stop...time does not heal all wounds

I imagine most if not all of us have experienced the death of a valued relationship, due to sin  
Betrayal, divorce...

I imagine most if not all of us have been at wits end in an enduring trial or affliction

I imagine most if not all of us, coming face-to-face with our loving and gracious Savior,  
have been genuinely broken-hearted by how we offended Him

Are you mourning, grieving, wailing, lamenting?

Jesus knows...the breadth and the depth of your sorrow and anguish  
Jesus "has it", has you...He is trustworthy and He loves you  
He is our Comforter

For us who mourn, Jesus Christ has Good News!  
Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted  
It is a certainty...expect it, plan on it for God has determined it!

Gospel invitation  
We live in a God-less, wicked, perverse, corrupt society  
They will know much mourning, perhaps forever, unless we tell them about  
Godly sorrow