

SUMMER MELT
Week 2 – Those Who Mourn
06/09/19

RECAP LAST WEEK – “Beatitudes” (comes from Latin, Beati)

Matthew 5:1-3 – Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- **Blessed – (Makarios)** – To lengthen or enlarge fortune (or God’s favor)
- Makarios was widely connected to: 1) *The gods...*2) *The deceased...*3) *The rich and elite*
- **“Poor in Spirit”** – is best understood in the term, **Humility**
- Humility is the best posture for embracing God’s Sovereignty (His nature, His plans)
 - *Homework – Mother Teresa’s list of 15 aspects to cultivate humility*

TODAY – ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

CONSIDER: ONE CONTEXT

*MATTHEW 4:23-25 – (Jesus was being pursued and surrounded by people disregarded by society)
²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.*

CONSIDER: TWO KEY WORDS

- **Mourn – (G3996, PENTHEO)** – to lament; mourn; grieve; wail
- **Comforted – (G3870, PARAKALEO)** – at face value meant, to comfort; to console; to counsel
 - Jesus mentioned in JOHN 14 that the Holy Spirit was our Comforter – JOHN 14:16
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Comforter to be with you forever
 - **Comforter – (G3875) was the advocate, the one alongside of us**

CONSIDER: THREE MORES

- 1) People often mourned – _____
- 2) People often mourned – _____
- 3) People often mourned – _____

(PSALM 34:18) – ¹⁸ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

(ISAIAH 61:1-3) – The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

MEMORIZATION VERSE:

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. **(PSALM 139:23-24)**