

The Teachings of Jesus
Blessed Are They That Mourn
Matthew 5:4

Introduction

Jesus emphasized the spiritual Kingdom was everlasting and that Kingdom - the Kingdom of Heaven - had come! It was no longer a future hope but a present reality. The Kingdom of Heaven would sweep the globe with life-transforming power.

1. The first part of the Sermon on the Mount is known as the Beatitudes, meaning "The _____."
2. These blessings tell us what the _____ of a believer should be.
3. These character _____ are marks of kingdom living.
4. Authentic followers of God desire every one of these spiritual _____.

I. Mourning

5. The poor in spirit have already acknowledged their _____ for God.
6. Jesus is talking about those who have become citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven who recognize their own _____.
7. It's recognizing that if we got what we _____, we would be eternally banned from all of God's goodness.
8. We start to see how our sinful behavior _____ God.

9. You experience the shame and guilt of your sinfulness when you realize the _____ of a God who is sinless.
10. Believers also mourn that which _____ God.
11. A believer's heart is constantly _____ by the attitudes and behaviors of the citizens of this world.
12. We also grieve because this spirit has crept into the church to _____ as many believers as possible!
13. We also realize how desperately _____ our friends and family members are who do not know Christ.
14. This mourning extends to those we don't even _____.
15. Those who mourn their sin are promised _____.

II. Comforted

16. There is no _____ for our sinfulness and failures.
17. God can still forgive and comfort you because of Christ's _____ for you.
18. The _____ for those who mourn is Jesus.
19. Not only does Christ comfort us by giving us saving faith, He also sends the Holy _____ to comfort us.

20. As the servants of Christ we are to be _____!
21. The ministry of encouragement and _____ has been committed to us by Christ.
22. God uses _____ people like us to make a difference in the lives of others.
23. It's important to let people know you've been _____ for them.

III. The Blessing

24. The blessing Jesus is talking about is the blessing of God's love and grace that rescues and delivers us from the horrible fate of eternal _____.
25. Heaven stands to _____ the one who kneels to confess their sins before God!
26. God wants to give you the full _____ of his blessing!

Conclusion

27. A righteous person does not mourn only for his own sins, but also the sins of _____, especially those within the covenant community of the church.
28. The more we meditate on God and His saving love poured out for us through Jesus Christ, the more we realize the _____ of our own human nature.

The blessing of God's love and grace is that *we shall be comforted*. God will see to it! It will come from Christ himself. It will come from the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, and it will come through the encouragement of his humble saints. Mourning in this context is called a

blessing, because mourning our fallen nature creates in us a desire to be better and to do what is right!
Congratulations! Because you are blessed.

Answers

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| 1. Blessings | 11. grieved | 21. reconciliation |
| 2. attitude | 12. corrupt | 22. ordinary |
| 3. traits | 13. lost | 23. praying |
| 4. attributes | 14. know | 24. death |
| 5. need | 15. comfort | 25. applaud |
| 6. sinfulness | 16. excuse | 26. measure |
| 7. deserved | 17. sacrifice | 27. others |
| 8. offends | 18. hope | 28. poverty |
| 9. holiness | 19. Spirit | |
| 10. dishonors | 20. encouragers | |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. We are citizens of heaven, and we ought to act like it! Are you doing things unbecoming of citizens of heaven? How about other believers you know? Does this concern you and make you mourn? Why or why not?
2. As the servants of Christ we are to be encouragers! Are the words you speak encouraging words or discouraging words? Are your words full of healing and hope? Do you speak the words of life from the precious promises of the Word or criticize or judge others? What can you do to be more encouraging in your words to others daily?
3. It's important to let people know you've been praying for them. Who have you been praying for? Do they know you are praying for them? Who should you be praying for right now but aren't as much as you should? Who do you pray for that doesn't know it?