

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

Series: The Sermon on the Mount

Mat 5:4 ESV "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

MOURN - to grieve, feeling or the act; COMFORTED - to call near, beseech, comfort, exhort, intreat

There is a mourning of death that produces wisdom - in sorrow and mourning we consider our lives

- Ecc 7:2-4 ESV It is better to go to the **house of mourning** than to go to the house of feasting, **for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart.** 3 Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of face the heart is made glad. 4 **The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,** but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

There is a mourning that comes from life's circumstance → He makes an exchange that glorifies Jesus

- Isa 61:1-3 ESV 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**; 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; **to comfort all who mourn**; 3 **to grant to those who mourn** in Zion-- to give them a **beautiful headdress** instead of ashes, **the oil of gladness instead of mourning**, the **garment of praise** instead of a **faint spirit**; that they may be called **oaks of righteousness**, the **planting of the LORD**, that **he may be glorified.**

There is a mourning of sin necessary for repentance - because we look at sin from God's perspective

- 1Co 5:1-2 ESV It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! **Ought you not rather to mourn?** Let him who has done this be removed from among you.
 - Arrogance (Indifference or complacency?) rather than mourning
 - We make light of certain sins (just a little white lie)
 - We compare (not as bad as another person)
 - We take advantage of the grace of God

The power of godly sorrow → produced in them the motivation to deal correctly with sin

- 2Co 7:10-11 ESV For **godly grief produces a repentance** that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 11 For see what **earnestness** this godly grief has produced in you, but also what **eagerness to clear yourselves**, what **indignation**, what **fear**, what **longing**, what **zeal**, what **punishment!** At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

Draw near & Humble Yourself...I think the cleansing, purifying, mourning and weeping flow from that

- Jas 4:8-10 ESV Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. **Cleanse** your hands, you **sinners**, and **purify** your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be **wretched** and **mourn** and **weep**. **Let your laughter be turned to mourning** and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.
 - **Wretched** - Realize your own misery
 - **Draw Near** to the Lord, **Humble Yourself** before the Lord - **He will exalt you**

WHY should I care? My sin affects my relationship with the Lord

- Isa 59:2 ESV but your **iniquities have made a separation** between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

Stay in the word (preventative, because we begin to think of sin and our relationship to Him)

- Psa 119:11 ESV I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

The blessing or comfort in mourning is → **Wisdom** → Glorify Jesus in the **exchange** → **Dealing with Sin**