

I. Blessed are the mourners

- A. The word "mourn" means to grieve.
 - 1. We are blessed when we mourn. We are not blessed in our lack but blessed in that there is a God that so much wants to fill that lack with Himself. He is waiting to be wanted! Is a waiting God!
- B. This word "mourning" was used in two ways- repentance over sin and grief over loss or lack
- C. The connection with the word **comfort** shows it to mean it is grieving over loss or lack. Our sins do not need comforting, they need forgiving and cleansing.
- D. We cannot be filled and enriched until we are feel and express to God our need.
- E. **James 5:16**- The fervent prayer is effectual.
Hebrews 5:7- Jesus prayed with strong cries and tears during his DAYS on the Earth. True prayer comes from the heart not the head.
- F. Grieving is feeling our need deeply. **Until we feel our need deeply and we will seek God lightly.** We need not only feel our need but express it to God in hope.
- G. Hanna grieved her lack
 - 1. 1 Sam. 1- God gave her a Samuel
- H. Israel grieved over their bondage
 - 1. God gave the deliverer Moses
- I. **Until the pain of staying where you are at is greater than that of changing you will not change.**
- J. There is two kinds of mourning- one that is from unbelief, the other laced with hope in God. **2 Cor. 7**
- K. It is possible to mourn in faith.
 - 1. Jesus wept over Lazarus and over Jerusalem- Even though he knew both would be restored.

2. Jesus was acquainted with sorrow and grief-

Isaiah 53:3

3. We are not to mourn as those who have no hope. **1 Thess. 4:13**

L. The open door to the blessings of the beatitudes is faith in God.

M. Comforted- parakaleo- To call near- The Holy Spirit is called the Paraclete. When we look to God in our grief and sorrow He said He would comfort us. This is the verb form of the title of the Holy Spirit. Paracletos is a full word that has different facets to it. The amplified brings these distinctions out. The Amplified translates comforter as Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby. **John 14:16**

N. God promises us that when we look to Him in our lack, sorrow, and grief that he would supply counsel, help, intercession, being an advocate, strength, and assistance.

O. Jesus has suffered and has compassion on us-

Heb. 4:15-16

P. We must come to the throne of Grace to receive His comfort.

Q. To be comforted we need to take His counsel. We need to receive His help. We need let Him intercede for us. We need Him to be our advocate. He needs to be our strength. He needs to be our assistance.

R. We turn to many other people for counsel; we come up with our own. We look to others to help us, or we try to help ourselves, we try to intercede for ourselves and plead our case with others, we look to things and people to strengthen us instead of God and His Word, We look for assistance in other places other than God.

S. Go to God first and if he uses others and often He will then it is by His direction.

T. Pray for comfort of God for those who are mourning.