

THE BEATITUDES PART 3 “BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN” *Matthew 5:3-12*
ESV

INTRODUCTION

Everything about these beatitudes as and still is _____

All 8 have to do with the _____ life

The first 4 create the _____ point of the spiritual life

The second 4 deal with the _____ spiritual life

WHAT “THOSE WHO MOURN” IS NOT

1. IT IS NOT _____ PURITANISM

False Puritanism then was an external _____ of religion that is not a product of a transformed heart

This is in essence what pharisaism is: _____ religion.

Matthew 6:16-18 ESV / Matthew 23:25-28 ESV

2. IT IS NOT _____ IN LACK AND MISERY

It can become tempting to overindulge in lightheartedness and _____

And it can also become tempting to overindulge in _____ & _____ for the purpose of being prideful in humility

_____ is what the Lord desires for us all

But _____ in any circumstance can become the temptation

Philippians 4:11-13 ESV

WHAT “THOSE WHO MOURN” IS

An expanded English understanding of the word is: to be _____ and/or to

Numbers 13:32-33 ESV / Numbers 14:1-3 ESV

Luke 6:21 (b) ESV

So we see that to mourn means to be so grieved by something that it causes us to

That it causes us to _____; to cry out in anguish of soul

1. MOURNING THE RESULTS OF _____ US

The whole earth _____ for the Kingdom of God because of being subjected to pain because of sin

Romans 8:18-25 ESV

2. MOURNING THE _____ US

Romans 7:24 ESV / Isaiah 6:5 ESV / Luke 5:8 ESV

These are the ones that know how it feels to be like John Bunyan's "Christian" in his book The Pilgrim's Progress

*"...I saw a man clothed with rags, standing in a certain place, with his face from his own house, a book in his hand, and a great burden upon his back. I looked, and saw him open the book, and read therein; and, as he read, **he wept and trembled; and not being able longer to contain, he brake out with a lamentable cry, saying, 'What shall I do?'***

"Now I saw in my dream, that the highway up which Christian was to go, was fenced on either side with a wall, and that wall was called Salvation. Up this way, therefore, did burdened Christian run, but not without great difficulty, because of the load on his back.

He ran thus till he came at a place somewhat ascending; and upon that place stood a cross, and a little below, in the bottom, a sepulchre. So I saw in my dream, that just as Christian came up with the cross, his burden loosed from off his

shoulders, and fell from off his back, and began to tumble, and so continued to do till it came to the mouth of the sepulchre, where it fell in, and I saw it no more.

Then was Christian glad and lightsome, and said with a merry heart, "He hath given me rest by his sorrow, and life by his death." Then he stood still a while, to look and wonder; for it was very surprising to him that the sight of the cross should thus ease him of his burden. He looked, therefore, and looked again, even till the springs that were in his head sent the waters down his cheeks. Now as he stood looking and weeping, behold, three Shining Ones came to him, and saluted him with, "Peace be to thee." So the first said to him, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," the second stripped him of his rags, and clothed him with change of raiment; the third also set a mark on his forehead, , and gave him a roll with a seal upon it, which he bid him look on as he ran, and that he should give it in at the celestial gate: so they went their way. Then Christian gave three leaps for joy, and went on singing,

*"Thus far did I come laden with my sin,
Nor could aught ease the grief that I was in,
Till I came hither. What a place is this!
Must here be the beginning of my bliss?
Must here the burden fall from off my back?
Must here the strings that bound it to me crack?
Blest cross! blest sepulchre! blest rather be
The Man that there was put to shame for me!"*

CONCLUSION

Romans 8:16-17 ESV / 2 Corinthians 4:6-12 ESV

This word comfort gives the idea of _____ deeply in Greek.

As if with a sigh of relief.

In Classical Greek (pre NT) it also means to _____.

But the strongest meaning in the NT of this word is to _____ {to strongly encourage or _____ someone to do something}

When was the last time you wept over the results of sin _____ you?

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