

“The Beatitudes: Those Who Mourn”

Matthew 5:4

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Matthew 5:1-4

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them. He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

John 16:33

“In this world you will have trouble...”

Luke 13:34

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

Luke 19:41,42

When he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.”

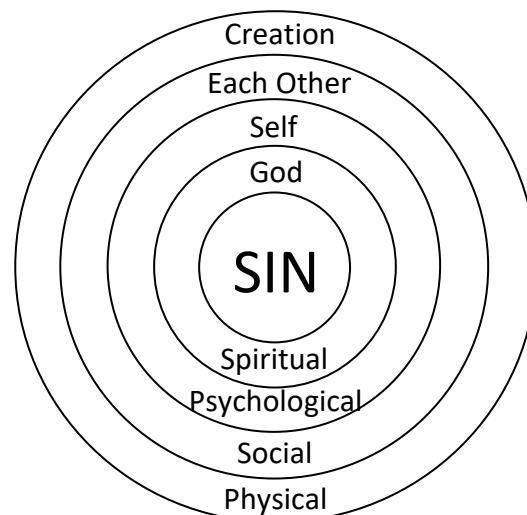
Isaiah 53:3

Jesus is called a “Man of sorrows, acquainted with grief.”

Ecclesiastes 7:1-4

A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth. ²It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart... ⁴The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure.

**Do you realize how much
we’ve lost because of sin?**



“Blessed are those who mourn... *for they will be comforted.*”

1. This Beatitude is connected to the previous Beatitude about the “Poor in Spirit”.

Sadness VS. Anger

Desires... (want it)
Needs... (require it)
Rights... (obligation, demand it)

2. There is a correlation between the depth of our grief and the height of our comfort.

Matthew 19:28,29

Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

“new world” = *palin-genesia* (again genesis) Everything made New

“left” = Loss hundred-fold

Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man... ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore...” ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

Luke 7:36-40

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.”...

“The difference between shallow happiness and a deep, sustaining joy is sorrow. Happiness lives where sorrow is not. When sorrow arrives, happiness dies. It can't stand pain. Joy, on the other hand, rises from sorrow and therefore can withstand all grief. Joy, by the grace of God, is the transfiguration of suffering into endurance, and of endurance into character, and of character into hope—and the hope that has become our joy does not (as happiness must for those who depend up on it) disappoint us.” —Walter Wangerin, "Reliving the Passion"