



## Those Who Mourn

### The Beatitudes

***“And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:***

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

***Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.***

***Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.***

***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.***

***Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.***

***Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.***

***Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.***

***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

***Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”*** Matthew 5:1-12

1. Jesus is training a team for ministry.
2. Jesus took the disciples apart from the crowds and taught **them**.
3. Beatitudes are progressive – new birth (vs. 3) to maturity (vs. 10-12).

### Beatitude One

***“Blessed are the poor (destitute, bankrupt) in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”***  
(Matthew 5:3)

1. You are blessed even as a sinner. You have won the lottery.
2. You can be a financial winner and still die in poverty.
3. You need to claim your winnings.
4. We live our lives in chains never knowing we have the key.

### Beatitude Two

*“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”* (Matthew 5:4)

1. Mourning

- a. Mourning is a part of life - whether sinner or saint. The sinner does not have a Comforter – the Holy Spirit.
- b. The first ministry of the Holy Spirit, after salvation, is “with us” as the Comforter.
- c. We all have times of happiness and tragedy.
- d. Trials, troubles, and death come to all of us.
- e. Reasons we mourn:
  1. There are certain times – Ecclesiastes 3:4.
  2. When the wicked rule – Proverbs 29:2.
  3. When there is a drought of the Word in the land – Hosea 4:1-3.

2. The Comforter and Being Comforted

- a. The Comforter – the Holy Spirit has been given to us (John 14:16).
  1. Mentioned four times only in John (14:16, 26, 15:26, 16:7).
  2. Comforter – “paraklatos” – consoler.
  3. Our comfort is supernatural, not human.
- b. This is not sympathy but consolation. Comfort with divine peace. A real answer to our problems (Isaiah 61:2-3).
  1. The sinner has no comfort outside of the strength of the flesh, personal character, or input from the world, or friends.
  2. The believer has the word of God and presence of the Holy Spirit even when friends are not present.

3. We Are To Comfort Each Other

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”* (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

- a. What we receive from God we owe to each other.
- b. Only the Holy Spirit living in us can comfort any believer in any situation.