



WHAT **JESUS** SAID ABOUT...

III. SPIRITUAL MOURNING (MT. 5:4)



WHAT **JESUS** SAID
ABOUT...

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



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ABOUT...

A. Mourning refers to the pain we feel when we see the gap between what God has for us and what we are actually experiencing.

We mourn seeing how little we experience as compared to how much God is willing to release to our life, ministry, and church, and to the nations.

Mourning also includes the pain we feel over our sin and failure to follow through in obedience to Jesus. This beatitude is not about mourning over difficult circumstances, but rather for a greater spiritual breakthrough in light of what Jesus has made available to us.

B. Being poor in spirit speaks of how we see ourselves; spiritual mourning refers to how we feel about what we see. When we see differently, then we feel differently. The result of seeing our great need is that we feel pain as we mourn for more experience of God's presence in our life.

C. This mourning is God's gift to us; it is essential to our spiritual growth.

Feeling the pain of godly desperation causes us to reorder our life to spend our strength, time, and money to seek God for all that He has made available for us.

2 Corinthians 7:10-11 (NASB)

10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.



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11 For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.



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D. Mourning and joy:

We hold these two truths in tension. We rejoice in who we are in Christ and what we are experiencing in God, while we are aware of how much more there is to experience. We are grateful for all that we experience, but continually seek the Lord for a greater measure.

E. Shall be comforted:

We will progressively experience
the breakthrough of the Spirit in
our lives.



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IV. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK (MT. 5:5)



WHAT **JESUS** SAID
ABOUT...

5 “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.”



WHAT **JESUS** SAID ABOUT...

A. The meek view their resources and people and their needs from God's point of view. Jesus owns all that we possess. Our natural mindset is to see our resources (gifting, money, position, favor, etc.) as belonging to us instead of to the Lord, and to mostly use them to increase our personal comfort and honor instead of using them for the kingdom. The meek refuse to use all their resources on their own desires; instead, they use them to serve God's will and to help others.

B. Meekness also involves our indebtedness to God for all that He has given us spiritually, financially, physically, relationally, etc. Thus, the meek are filled with gratitude.



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C. Shall inherit the earth:

This promise includes influence and impact. It is partially fulfilled in this life and completely fulfilled in the age to come

(Mt. 19:28; Rev. 3:21; 5:10; 20:4-6).

Matthew 19:28 (NASB)

28 And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Revelation 3:21 (NASB)

21 He who overcomes, I will
grant to him to sit down with Me
on My throne, as I also overcame
and sat down with My Father on
His throne.

Revelation 5:10 (NASB)

10 “You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

Revelation 20:4-6 (NASB)

4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.