

Chardon Christian Fellowship
Home Fellowship Lessons
The Beatitudes
Lesson 3: Blessed are Those Who Mourn (Matthew 5:4)

I. INTRODUCTION

Read **Matthew 5:1-4**

In these lessons on Beatitudes, each of the Beatitude statements starts with the declaration of blessedness for the person who has a specific quality (attribute, characteristic, *etc.*) and their reward (or outcome) for that quality.

As a review:

What is a good definition of “blessed” (*makarios*)? _____

Last week we discussed “poor in spirit”. What is a good definition of “poor in spirit”?

The outcome was “... *theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*”. What is a good definition of “kingdom of heaven”?

II. LESSON

A. (vs. 4) “Blessed are those who mourn ...”

1. “Blessed ...”

We covered the definition in Lesson 2.

2. “... those who mourn ...”

The word translated into English as mourn is Greek *pentheō* (root word; 10x in N.T.).

When we look at the places where we are instructed about mourning, we should ask the question “*Who is mourning and why?*” “*What are they mourning about?*”.

Let’s let the Bible define mourning:

2 Corinthians 12:20-21 _____

1 Corinthians 5:1-2 _____

James 4:8-10 _____

Matthew 9:15 _____

Mark 16:9-10 _____

Matthew 5:3-4 (Luke 6:25) _____

B. “... they will be comforted.” –

The word translated as “to be comforted” or “will be comforted” is *parakaleō* (root word, 109x in N.T.). We will let the Bible reveal its meaning:

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 _____

Matthew 2:18 _____

Luke 16:19-25 _____

Acts 20:9-12 _____

2 Corinthians 7:5-7 _____

Matthew 8:5 _____

Romans 12:1 _____

1 Corinthians 1:10 _____

Acts 2:40 _____

Acts 11:23 _____

1 Thessalonians 4:1 _____

III. CONCLUSION/APPLICATION

“Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.” **Matthew 5:4**

As believers in Jesus Christ, in the 21st century United States, what are we to mourn?

Let's look to the Scripture for instruction:

Psalm 119:133-136 _____

Hosea 4:1-3 _____

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 _____

Isaiah 61:1-3 _____

Matthew 11:28-30 _____

*****John 14:25-27** _____

We need to move from “*guilt or shame that we got caught in sin*” to a spiritual position of “*mourning that we sinned*”. This is a key spiritual transition, and is a transition from seeing God as “*a teacher with ruler to rap your knuckles*” to seeing God as a “*loving Father whose heart you don’t want to disappoint or break.*”

This week, let us practice the following:

*instead of seeing God as a heavenly policeman who blows the whistle when we sin,
picture a God who comforts us when we agonize and mourn over our sins.*

Resources:

New American Standard Bible, NASB, Lochmann Foundation

Mounce Reverse-Interlinear New Testament, Robert H. Mounce and William D. Mounce
Bible Knowledge Commentary, John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck, Victor Books

Mounce Concise Greek-English Dictionary of the New Testament, William D. Mounce.

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