



**SIMPLY
THE
BLESSED**

Matthew 5:4

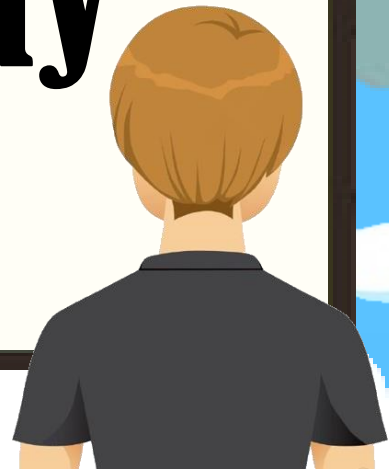
**“Mourn” = to Grieve;
to Bewail; to Lament
(this type of mourning is
gut-wrenching anguish)**



Matthew 5:1-12



**It's from that Brokenness
over Personal Sin and the
Sin of the world, where we
Mourn before our Almighty
Heavenly Father**



**BLESSED ARE
THOSE WHO MOURN**



Matthew 5:4

**“Blessed” = Fortunate;
Happy; Delighted**



**People who are mourning
are often pitied
(we feel sorry for them)**



**Truth is being in a place of
mourning is unpleasant
and NO one wants to dwell
there for very long!**



Matthew 4:17

**A Jewish person hearing
this announcement might
get a little excited**



However, the proper response was NOT celebration, but rather a deep grieving over their own brokenness (“To Repent”)



ALL Sin Grieves God!!!

**As followers of Jesus Christ that
means sin in ANY and ALL forms
should grieve us as well**



**DON'T excuse sin away,
DON'T rationalize sin away!**



**See sin as God sees sin
and do everything you
possibly can to protect yourself
and guard yourself from
engaging in sin**



**Sin is often NOT called sin
and therefore sin is rarely
grieved over, which means
it's hardly ever repented of
like it should be**



Psalm 119:129-136

**The author of Psalm 119 wept
because of Israel's humiliation
(which came from both
personal and corporate sins)**



**Each of us should be
grieved to the core
because of sin**



**The idea of mourning
is actually an
act of repentance**



**Just seeing the
existence of sin
and NOT addressing it
does NOTHING**



**We NEED to see sin
the way God sees sin
and we NEED to treat sin
the SAME WAY God treats sin!**



**When we deeply grieve over sin
in this way it leads to a change
(our hearts are stirred)
we desire and pursue
repentance**



**ONLY after God's dealt with
the inner part (the heart)
does real lasting outward
change follow suit outwardly**



Matthew 5:4

**“Comforted” = to Encourage;
to Strengthen;
to Call to One’s Side**



**This blessing is
a result of God
and this blessing is
accomplished ONLY by God**



**It's from a place of
utter brokenness where our
wonderfully loving Heavenly
Father NOW blesses us
and comforts us**



**Seeing the valley of mourning
helps us to understand and
bask in the lofty love of our
Savior's precious comfort**



SO WHAT?

