

Sermon Title: **“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN”**

Matthew 5:1-12

- “Mourn” = to Grieve; to Bewail; to Lament (this type of mourning is gut-wrenching anguish)
  - It’s from that Brokenness over Personal Sin & the Sin of the world, where we Mourn before our Almighty Heavenly Father
- “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 & NO one wants to dwell there for very long!
- 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 & ALL forms should grieve us as well
  - DON’T excuse sin away, DON’T rationalize sin away!
  - See sin as God sees sin & do everything you possibly can to protect yourself & guard yourself from engaging in sin!
  - Sin is often NOT called sin & therefore sin is rarely grieved over, which means it’s hardly ever repented of like it should be
- The author of Psalm 119 wept because of Israel’s humiliation (which came from both personal & corporate sins)
  - Each of us should be grieved to the core because of sin
- The idea of morning is actually an act of repentance
  - Just seeing the existence of sin & NOT addressing it does NOTHING
  - We NEED to see sin the way God sees sin & 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 & pursue repentance
- ONLY after God’s dealt with the inner part (the heart) does real lasting outward change follow suit outwardly
- “Comforted” = to Encourage; to Strengthen; to Call to One’s Side
  - This blessing is a result of God & this blessing is accomplished ONLY by God
  - It’s from a place of utter brokenness where our wonderfully loving Heavenly Father NOW blesses us & comforts us
  - Seeing the valley of mourning, helps us to understand & bask in the lofty love of our Savior’s precious comfort