



TODAY'S INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

They Shall Be Comforted

The Blessing for "Those Who Mourn"

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Today, we are going to look at the second blessing given to those who are citizens of the kingdom of God/heaven. In Matthew 5:4, Jesus says, "4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4, ESV).

I. What Is Meant by 'Comfort'?

- A. Jesus is not saying that God will make our lives _____ and _____
1. Rom 8:17
 2. Christians are the only ones in whom it can be said that even suffering and discomfort can be a blessing.
- B. God comes to our side to help and encourage no matter the circumstances. He brings comfort to our spirits.
1. The noun form of the Greek word is used elsewhere to talk about how we receive help from one another and from the Spirit.
 - a) The _____ is our Advocate/Helper/Comforter (John 14:16).

II. Who Does the Comforting? God Does.

- A. By helping us trust in Him and the hope He offers (2 Corinthians 1:3-8).
- B. He removes our sin (2 Cor 7:10).
- C. God will ultimately bring us comfort in removing all sadness and pain.

III. Who Does God Comfort?

- A. Those who _____ (Matthew 5:4)
- B. But not **all** those who mourn. He does not comfort:
1. Those who mourn because they don't get what they want;
 2. Those who mourn because of material loss or frustrated ambition;
 3. Those who mourn merely over the consequences of their sin; etc.
- C. It must be a mourning that is a _____ kind of mourning. It leads to transformation in our lives and moves us to serve others.
1. Because of their sin (2 Cor 7:9).
 2. Because of a concern for others who are sinning or suffering (2 Cor 7:6-7).

Conclusion & Application

- A. Why does God help & comfort us? (2 Cor 1:4)
- B. Do you need God's comfort?

THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- Are you a mourner?
 - Does your sin lead you to mourn?
 - As you see the spiritual problems of your brethren and the world, are you led to mourn in any way? Are you calloused to the spiritual (or even the physical) condition of those who are afflicted, or are you moved to compassion?
- Do you give of what you receive from God? (2 Cor 1:3-8)
- Have you thanked God recently for the comfort that He has given you and will give you in the future?

MY NOTES: