

The Beatitudes Message Series: “Those Who Mourn”

Sunday, January 14, 2024 @ 10:30AM | Worship Center

Matthew 5:1-12...The Sermon on the Mount; The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. **2** He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying, **3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. **5** “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. **6** “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. **7** “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. **8** “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. **9** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. **10** “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** “Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

If you truly believe God exists, then you must believe that you matter to Him and that He has the power to change you, comfort you and give you eternal hope.

God’s pathway to comfort and hope...

- **See who God really is.**

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” – Romans 8:1 (NASB)

“Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.” – Romans 8:34 (NASB)

“But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.” – Psalm 86:15 (NIV)

“God is the Father who is full of mercy and all comfort.” – 2 Corinthians 1:3 (NCV)

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”
Psalm 23: 4 (NIV)

- **See who I really am.**

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” – Romans 3:23 (NASB)

“being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;” – Romans 3:24 (NASB)

“But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed and hidden that will not be known.” – Luke 12:2 (NASB)

“I love you with an everlasting love. So, I will continue to show you my kindness.” – Jeremiah 31:3 (GW)

“May your unfailing love be my comfort...” – Psalm 119:76a (NIV)

- **See how God can change me.**

“Have you never heard or understood? Don't you know that the Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth? He never grows faint or weary. No one measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; he offers strength to the weak. Even youths will become exhausted, and young men will give up. But those who wait on the Lord will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” – Isaiah 40: 28-31 (NLT)

“For it is God who is at work within you, giving you **the will and the power** to achieve his purpose.” Philippians 2: 13 (Phillips)

I believe that God exists, that I matter to Him and that He has the power to help me change.