

SERMON

on the Mount

BLESSED ARE THE POOR & MOURNING

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” **Matthew 5:1-4**

Beatitude 1 – “Blessed are the poor in spirit” (v.3)

“Listen, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Protect my life...save your servant who trusts in you. Be gracious to me, Lord, for I call to you all day long” Ps. 86:1

“But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!” Ps. 70:5

To be poor in spirit means to recognize our _____; our need for _____.

Application 1: To be poor in spirit is the _____ to the gospel and the _____ into the kingdom of heaven: dependence on God for salvation.

*“Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God...the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life” **John 3:3, 14-15***

Application 2: Living poor in spirit is recognizing total dependence on _____, remembering we are in the kingdom now. (see Ps. 40:17; Ps. 86)

Beatitude 2 – “Blessed are those who mourn” (v.4)

General/Universal Mourning – comfort to those who mourn from experiencing deep sorrow or sadness. (see 2 Cor. 1:3-4)

Specific: Mourning Sin – grief caused by either personal sin or evil in the world.

The first beatitude is the recognition, the confession; the second beatitude is contrition, conviction.

What Mourning Sin is NOT:

Getting caught or found out in our sin.

Living in shame and thinking God is condemning you.

Hopelessness; believing you are a lost cause that God cannot or will not forgive you. This is deception and it cheapens the cross and love of Jesus.

What Mourning Sin IS:

We are to mourn what our sin does, in that it gets in the way of and breaks the fellowship of our relationship with Jesus (see 2 Cor. 7:9-10)

Conviction is an invitation _____.

It is not God guiltning and shamming you, that’s not what He does (see John 3:17).

Godly “conviction results in hope, not despair...The conviction not only implies the exposure of sin (despair) but also a call to repentance (hope).” - Glenn McCoy

Application of General Mourning - In general God will _____.

_____ when they experience things that cause mourning; both now in part (2 Cor. 1:3-4) and fully in the future (Rev. 21:4).

Application of Mourning Sin - Specifically when we _____, it is _____.

God will comfort believers now in part (2 Cor. 1:3-4), knowing our fellowship is restored (Rev. 3:19-20; 1 John 1:9) and one day God will completely wipe our tears of mourning our sin nature and the presence of sin around us in the world (Rev. 21:4).