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"THOSE WHO MOURN"

(Matthew 5:4)

INTRODUCTION - just as being "poor in spirit" is an attitude that precedes entering the kingdom; so, the word "mourn" is a pre-requisite.

"Blessed" - O the bliss; happiness; joy; contentment; relief.

"Are those" - an invitation for all to be blessed.

"Who mourn" - a deep grief over the right thing; a Greek expression for lamentations, intense sorrow, bewail, or sorrow that breaks the heart.

It is mourning that progresses from the first beatitude: "poor in spirit."

We mourn because we see ourselves in a desperate situation, and
in humility, we cry to our God for salvation.

We cry because we cannot provide salvation for ourselves and we need saving.

"For they shall be comforted" - thank you, God, for your amazing grace.

In the Greek it is "to call to one's side;" aided; supported or braced-up.

Hymn #961 "There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul."

THE WORD "MOURNING" IN THREE BASIC AREAS

1. TO "MOURN" OVER YOUR OWN SINS

(Isaiah 59:1-2) "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save;
nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear; **but your iniquities** have separated you
from your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you."

(2 Corinthians 7:10) "For **godly sorrow** produces repentance leading to salvation"
(Psalm 51:1, v3, v11-12; Psalm 38:18; Joel 2:12-13)

"Comforted" - (Romans 7:24-25) "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me
from this body of death? I thank God - through Jesus Christ our Lord"

2. TO "MOURN" OVER THE SINS OF THE WORLD

(Psalm 119:136; Luke 19:41; Acts 20:31; Philippians 3:18)

3. TO "MOURN" OVER SORROWS OF OTHERS: (Romans 12:15)

CLOSE: (2 Corinthians 1:3) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies **and God of all comfort.**"

(Romans 4:7) "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven ... "