

Sermon on the mount

Matthew 5:4

*The blessed one in the beatitudes is a regenerate believer. Blessedness comes from God and the truest meaning of being blessed is when God is gracious toward you, makes His face shine upon you, and lifts His countenance on you. This is what occurs in regeneration.

*The list of beatitudes is not a pick one or another list but is rather the characteristics and qualities that every Christian should manifest.

*God's comfort to His believers is different than those who are not His.

Comforted in our mourning over sin

- Attrition-worldly repentance: 2 Corinthians 7:10, Hebrews 12:16-17
- Contrition-Godly repentance: 2 Corinthians 7:9, Psalm 51
 - John 16:7-8 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the ^[a]Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;
 - Romans 7:9-10 I was once alive apart ^[a]from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died; ¹⁰and this commandment, which was ^[b]to result in life, proved ^[c]to result in death for me;
 - James 4:8-10 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

The more we understand how Holy God is and how unrighteous and unworthy we are, the more we will mourn over every sinful act we commit.

When we mourn and are truly sorrowful over sin, this speaks to the working of the Holy Spirit in us and our sanctification. There is no sanctification without regeneration and justification. There is comfort in knowing that we are being conformed to the image of God and are sealed by His Spirit until the day of redemption.

Comforted in our mourning in trials of this life

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in ^[b]any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are ^[c]ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. ⁶But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; ⁷and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.
- Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the ^[a]valley of the shadow of death, I fear no ^[b]evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

- **Psalm 34: 17-18** *The righteous cry, and the Lord hears And delivers them out of all their troubles.¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are [a]crushed in spirit.*

We can be comforted in the trials of this world even though we may mourn and weep, because we know that all things are working out for God's perfect purpose and will. We also know that in these trials and tests, our faith is being purified and we are growing in sanctification. It is in this fact, that we can have comfort.

- **Romans 8:28** And we know that [k]God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.
- **1 Peter 1:6-7** In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various [c]trials, ⁷ so that the [d]proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which [e]is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- **James 1:2-4** Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various [c]trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces [d]endurance. ⁴ And let [e]endurance have *its* perfect [f]result, so that you may be [g]perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Comforted throughout eternity

- **Luke 16:19-25** "Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. ²⁰ And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, ²¹ and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. ²² Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and *saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:13-17** But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you [a]from the beginning for salvation [b]through sanctification [c]by the Spirit and faith in the truth. ¹⁴ It was for this He called you through our gospel, [d]that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter [e]from us. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.
- **Isaiah 61:1-2** The Spirit of the Lord [a]God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me To bring good news to the [b]afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And [c]freedom to prisoners; ² To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,
- **Revelation 21:1-4** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will [a]dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them [b], ⁴ and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

The true blessedness is not in the mourning, but rather in the comfort!

