

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

by Thomas Brooks

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the spiritual significance of mourning for sin and its promise of divine comfort.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 35:24-25, Psalm 51:17, Psalm 119:136, Jeremiah 13:17, Jeremiah 31:18-19, Zechariah 12:10, Matthew 5:4, Matthew 26:75, Luke 7:38, Luke 19:41-42

Topics: "Mourning for Sin", "Spiritual Restoration"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the profound blessing of mourning for sin, illustrating that true mourning reflects a deep sorrow akin to the loss of a loved one. He explains that this mourning should encompass both personal and communal sins, as well as a longing for spiritual restoration and communion with God. Brooks highlights that such mourning is not only for one's own sins but also for the sins and afflictions of others, demonstrating a heart aligned with God's compassion. He encourages believers to recognize the weight of sin as the greatest evil and to mourn for the spiritual losses that hinder their relationship with God. Ultimately, Brooks reassures that those who mourn in this way will be comforted by God's grace and mercy.

Transcript

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--such as who mourn for sin with an exceeding great mourning.

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--those who mourn for sin with a funeral sorrow, as the word signifies.

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--those who mourn for sin as a man mourns for the loss of his only son, Zech. 12:10, or as Jacob mourned for Joseph, or as David mourned for Absalom, or as the people mourned for the loss of good Josiah, 2 Chron. 35:24-25.

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--those who mourn for secret sins as well as open sins.

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--those who mourn for sins against grace as well as for sins against the law.

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--those who mourn for sin as the greatest evil in the world.

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--those who mourn for his own sins, Ezek. 7:16; as David did, Psalm 51; or as Ephraim did, Jer. 31:18-19; or as Peter did, Mat. 26:75; or as Mary Magdalene did, Luke 7:38

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--those who mourn for the sins of others as well as for his own, as David did, Psalm 119:136, 158; or as Jeremiah did, Jer. 13:17; or as Lot did, 2 Peter 2:7-8; or as they did in that Ezek. 9:4.

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--those who mourn under the sense of their spiritual needs.

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--those who mourns under the sense of their spiritual losses--such as loss of communion with God, loss of the favor of God, loss of the presence of God, loss of the exercise of grace, loss of the joys of the Spirit, loss of inward peace, etc.

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--those who mourn not only for their own afflictions and miseries--but also for the afflictions and miseries of other believers, as Nehemiah did, Neb. 1:2-4; or as Jeremiah did, Jer. 9:1-2; or as Christ did when he wept over Jerusalem, Luke 19:41-42.

"Blessed are those who mourn;" that is--those who mourn because they cannot mourn for these things; or who mourn because they can mourn no more; or who mourn because God has so little honor in their hearts, or in their house, or in their life, or in the world, or in the churches.

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/thomas-brooks/blessed-are-those-who-mourn/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net