

**Blessed are those who mourn.**  
AM Service Matthew 5:4 January 28, 2018

**Introduction**

**The Book of Matthew**

1. Author and Date
2. Theme

**Sermon on the Mount**

**The Beatitudes**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit.**

**One Characteristic of True Faith – Poor in Spirit**

**One Blessing of True Faith – The Kingdom of Heaven**

**Blessed are those who mourn.**

“**mourn**” to experience sadness or grief as the result of depressing circumstances or the condition of persons

**Two basic uses in the New Testament**

1. To mourn over a death or some other sad circumstance in life  
*Mark 16:9-11*
2. To mourn over sin or wickedness or oppression

*James 4:7-10* - What does this passage teach us about mourning?

- a. We should mourn over our sins.
- b. Some laugh and frolic when they should mourn.
- c. God has made us so that we should feel sorrow when we are conscious that we have done wrong.

**Blessed are those who mourn**

1. This verse refers to mourning over sin.
2. This verse is the emotional counterpart to verse 3.

**Summary**

**For they shall be comforted.**

“**comforted**” parakaleoo

1. Greek writings - to call to one's side, to call for, summon
2. New Testament Usage -  
It is frequently used to refer to one who comes alongside another to counsel, encourage, rebuke or exhort.

**What does this mean?**

- a. Jesus comforts us.
- b. The Holy Spirit comforts us.
- c. God the Father is the God of comfort.

**The Gospel gives true comfort.**

**How about you?**

- 1. Are you poor in spirit?**
- 2. Do you mourn over sin?**
- 3. Have you lost your focus?**

*Isa 66:1-2*

Who does God look at?

- a. The person who is poor in spirit.
- b. The person who has a contrite spirit.
- c. The person who trembles at God's Word.

*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.*