

Blessed are...



Those who mourn



**Why do you
hit yourself
in the head
with a
hammer?**



**Because it
feels so good
when I stop!**



Matthew 5:4

**Blessed are those who
mourn, for they shall be
comforted.**



First Point

**When we mourn, God
blesses us with a sense of
His presence.**



Many words for mourning

- **Klai-ō – sob aloud; wail.**
 - **Ex. Widow of Nain**
- **Dakrū-ō – Weep silently; shed tears.**
 - **Ex: Jesus weeping over Lazarus.**



Many words for mourning

- **Lupe-o-mai** – general word for mourning; opposite of rejoice; heaviness; sorrow
 - Ex. “Grieving the Holy Spirit” Eph. 4:30



Many words for mourning

- **Koptō – word used to describe a beating of the chest as a demonstration of grief.**
 - **Ex. The women grieving for Jesus along the pathway to his crucifixion.**



Many words for mourning

- **Thrā-ne-ō** – word used to describe the mourning of those singing dirges; paid mourners.
 - Ex. “Children in the marketplace”



What type of mourning?

Πενθέω/ Pen-the-ō

**To be sad; to weep; to
mourn**



William Barclay's Definition of Penitence

It is defined as the kind of grief which takes such a hold on a man that it cannot be hid. It is not only the sorrow which brings an ache to the heart; it is the sorrow which brings the unrestrainable tears to the eyes.



God is present...

In times of profound loss.



Psalm 23

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.



1 Thessalonians 4

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.



1 Thessalonians 4

14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.



God is present...

**In times of profound
conviction of sin.**



1 Corinthians 5

¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife.



1 Corinthians 5

² And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.



Psalm 51

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.



Charles Spurgeon

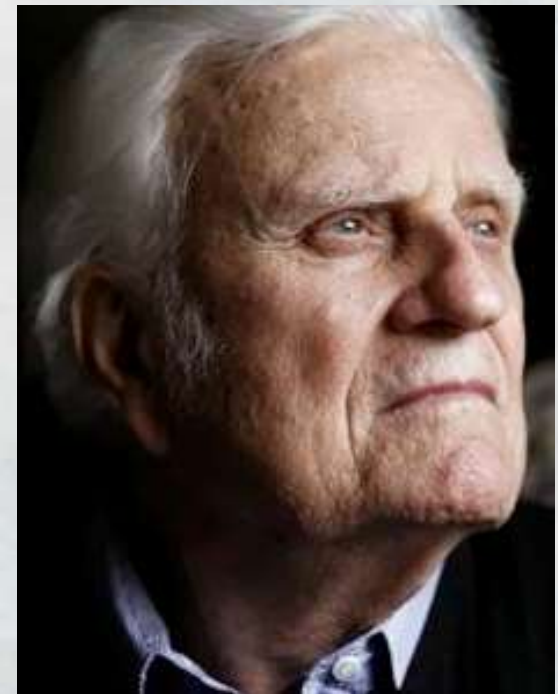


“I must confess that I never realize Christ's preciousness so much as when I feel myself still to be, apart from Him, an undeserving, hell-deserving sinner.”



Billy Graham

“The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, ‘O God, forgive me,’ or ‘Help me.’”





Second Point

When we mourn, God blesses us through the presence of His people.



Matthew 5:4

**Blessed are those who
mourn, for they shall be
comforted.**



**Fellow believers
extend comfort...**

**In times of profound
loss.**



2 Corinthians 1

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.



3 New York Friends



Jack Kratzer



Darren Sherland



Bob Hague



**Fellow believers
extend comfort...**

**In times of profound
conviction.**



Hebrews 3

12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.



Hebrews 3

1³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.



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