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Bible Study
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Lecture II

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THE GREATEST SERMON EVER PREACHED
Matthew Chapter 5

- **Matthew 5:4**

⁴ *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

The mourning to which this beatitude refers to is a spiritual one. It is where we weep over man's conditions; weep over man's transgressions, weep over our sins. We call them Christian Tears. Unfortunately, too few of us weep over the circumstances of life that seem to darken our future. Godly men in the Bible wept over the evil in the world.

- **Psalm 119:136 (KJV)**

¹³⁶ *Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.*

- **Ezra 10:1 (KJV)**

¹⁰ *Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.*

- **Ezekiel 9:4 (KJV)**

⁴ *And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.*

Jeremiah was known as the "weeping" prophet. His personal sorrow over the messages he had to deliver often caused him to weep for his people in a manner unparalleled until Jesus, the Man of Sorrows, would come.

- **Jeremiah 9:1 (KJV)**

9 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Jesus wept over the sins of others. Jesus wept over the bitter consequences in judgment and death.

- **Luke 19:41 (KJV)**

⁴¹ *And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,*

“They shall be comforted . . .” There is a comfort and consolation that come when we do good; When we reach out to help someone; When we witness to someone and they give their lives to Christ.

Few things are more gratifying than knowing that we helped someone come to Christ or helped someone reach their goals in life.

“Happy are those who are moved by compassion to do something to help somebody.”

Happy are those who mourn, because God will comfort them. There is a comfort and consolation that come when we do good. When we reach out to help someone, God remembers.