

The Hope of the Hurting

Matthew 5:4

Three Cautions in Understanding and Applying the Sermon on the Mount:

_____ explanation

_____ interpretation

_____ application

Examples:

What is Jesus describing here? What is it to "mourn"?

"Mourning is grief and sorrow caused by profound loss." (Sinclair Ferguson)

Israel's 'loss'...

Our 'loss' ...

"Mourning" in Matthew 5:4 is the right response to _____ in Matthew 5:3!

Blessed Mourning:

Matthew 5:4 is not a _____ statement regarding grief and mourning! God doesn't give his _____/blessing to every sort of mourning.

Examples: 2 Samuel 13:1-2; 1 Kings 19:9-10; 21:2-4

The mourning He blesses:

Mourning over _____. (Psalm 32:1-4)

Mourning over _____. (Psalm 119:136; 1 Cor 5:1-2; 2 Cor 12:21; Phil 3:18)

Mourning over _____ in our world that is contrary to God's design and denies God His glory. (Rom 1:18-25; 9:2-4; 10:1; Eccl 7:2-4)

Some typical responses to things which should cause us to grieve/mourn:

We _____ it.

We _____ it.

We _____ those who do 'it'.

When we should be _____ over that which grieves God. (James 4:8-10)

Do you mourn?

What makes you cry?

What does your mourning motivate you to do?

And remember: our mourning – as Kingdom citizens – is not _____ and _____:

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

In who/what have you placed your hope?

The Lord Jesus _____ your heart and your grieving:

You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? (Psalm 56:8)

The Lord Jesus will _____ your grieving heart:

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted ... to comfort all who mourn ... (Isaiah 61:1-2)

There is a liberating, life-giving, and _____ way to handle your grief over your sin:

9 *As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. 10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret ...*

And a life-destroying, despairing, and _____ way:

... whereas worldly grief produces death. (2 Cor 7:9-10)

Which will you choose?