

Intro:

Ecclesiastes 7:3-4.

Main Point of Text: Those who cry over their sins will be happy, because only they will be comforted with assurance.

Lk. 6:21. Ps. 30:4-5, 11-12.

Sermon Point: *Joy Cometh to the Mourning.*

Move 1: How happy are you who are sad over sin, sinfulness, and your sins.

“Blessed are they that mourn”: grieve, cry, are sad. Crying over your sins takes you to the cross, where Christ ministers the balm of Gilead. He points to Isa. 61:1-2 of Himself in the Gospels, which provide the beatitudes: *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me ... to comfort all that mourn...* (Zech. 12:10). Grieve over your sinful nature and actual sins; *and* the sins of others as all grievances against your Holy God: Ps. 119:158; 136. Like “Righteous Lot” (2 Pet 2:7). Your mourning turns you to Christ and God: WSC Q&A 87; where there is fullness of joy (Ps. 16:11b). Ps. 32:3-5; 2 Cor. 7:6, 10; Jer. 31:13; Matt. 9:2; James 4:8-10.

Move 2: The Holy Spirit comforts you who are sad over sinfulness with His forgiveness.

“for they shall be comforted”. Greek verb of noun for “Comforter” re: Holy Spirit. Jn. 16:5-7. Neh. 8:10. W. Hendriksen: *Godly sorrow turns the soul towards God*. So cry, and then sing Isa. 49:13. Comfort also over sin’s effects: *Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.* (Rom. 12:15) The Spirit uses us to comfort one another with His Word and prayer: 2 Cor. 1:3-4. The Holy Spirit so counsels you with the comfort of eternity, every day. Isa. 40:1-2) Don’t grieve holy spirit (Eph. 4:30) and He will bear His fruits in you, including joy (Gal. 5:22). His seed grows into eternity. Whereas, the Devil’s drags down to everlasting despair: ... *Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.* (Luke 6:25) In contrast, your eternal reward for temporal remorse is Ps. 16:11c.

Conclusion:

Completeness of Mt. 5:4 is Rev. 7:17; 21:4. Ps. 126:5-6.

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