

Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 2

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted:” (Matthew 5:4 KJV) This is another way that blessedness according to Christ’s standard will come to those who mourn. Mourning is not something that is not good or of bad effect on us.

“1 A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one’s birth. 2 It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. 3 Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. 5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity.” (Ecclesiastes 7:1-6 KJV) Let us now go through this Scripture and explain:

“1 A good name is better than precious ointment (to keep good name, is to keep doing good and avoid taking wrong decision and making bad things); ***and the day of death than the day of one’s birth*** (the day of death is a day of mourning for those who are alive, but it is a day of relief to those who are dead and had prepared themselves well to meet the Lord. The day of birth is that the man will go through life and will go through the whole trials of life, but on the day of his death he will find himself relieved from all the pressure and the trials of life.

2 It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: It is better to face reality and the problems of life than to escape from them. Now a day people they think that temporal pleasure that make them forget their problems for a while, will solve their problems. But that is not correct, the problems will bounce back and things needed to be faced. It is good to go to the house of mourning, the house that had somebody dead. Going there will remind you that there is death and that you need to prepare yourself for the day of death: ***for that is the end of all men*** (All men will reach to that, therefore everyone need to prepare himself because that is the end of each and every man. We who are alive we need to lay it to heart and take it seriously.); ***and the living will lay it to his heart: Lay it to your heart that one day you are going to face God, therefore, you need to be ready and prepare yourself for that day.***

3 Sorrow is better than laughter: Sorrow means you are evaluating things in a correct way and you are facing realities and the mandate of God on your life toward Him, toward your family, toward your work, toward the church and toward the people around you. For by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better: How sadness of the countenance will make the heart better? ***By sadness means you addressed issues and dealt with them. Sadness, it means you are seriously taking your step forward toward the narrow gate and the straight way of life that God had ordained for you to pass through.***

4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning: The wise today will understand life better. It is not about enjoying good time, but it is about facing responsibilities and deal with issues related to life. Those who face their responsibilities are the real people who are aware of the things of God and what He desire us to do. But the heart of fools is in

the house of mirth: The fools are those who has no concern about the things of God and they will do all what they can to avoid tough time and responsibilities and the assignments that God wants them to do.

5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. Therefore going to the house of mourners are going to the places of accepting responsibilities and what God wants us to do. The hardship and the trials are the rebuke of God. When we accept to do them and go through them, then we are accepting to be mourners, but when we refuse and escape our responsibilities we will be becoming eligible to be rebuked by men. When we accept trials and hardship and accept our responsibilities to do them, then we are accepting mourning, and He will bless us. It is far better to hear rebuke and correction than to hear the song of fools.

6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity.” What you expect from thorns cooked in a pot? Nothing. In the same way those who are after enjoyments, to laugh, to party and to spend merry times with people while leaving their responsibilities behind, how you will evaluate them? ***They are fool and what they are doing are not only useless but harmful to them.***

We need to mourn and accept the Word of Jesus, in Matthew 5:4 “Blessed are they that mourn.” We mourn for the following reasons:

- 1. Repentance from our sins that we had committed and did wrong. As we truly repent we will receive comfort from our Lord.***
- 2. We need to mourn for our mistakes and the wrong decisions that we did and caused us trouble into our lives. Mistakes include the wrong decision of life.***
- 3. We need also to mourn for the trials and the hardships that we passed through. As we suffer and bear the pressure of life, the trials, the persecution and the work of the power of darkness, the Lord shall comfort us and reward us.***

Trials and hardships are the rebuke and the chastening of the Lord; God during trials is perfecting us and make us lack nothing. “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations.” (James 4:2 KJV) Temptations are not to break us or destroy our faith but it is for our good. Even the hard trials that the Lord would allow us to pass through, it will be working for our own wellbeing. As we love God and desire to do what He wants us to do then trials will help us to be better people of God:

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28 KJV) As we trust God and wait for Him then the trials will make us better people. As we truly repent and renounce our sins then the trials will be for our good.

“Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.” (James 1:3 KJV) God tries our faith in trials. God examine and qualify our faith during trials, and He will work on us to have patience and long suffering with self-control as we suffer through trials,

“But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” (James 1:4 KJV) Some time you may said, ‘How long Lord you will allow the

situation in such a way? Let patience has its perfect work in your life. The time table of God is different than the time table of man, and most of the time it is longer than what man would expect,

Ultimately those who mourn and accept crying and suffering through trials, the Lord shall bless them and perfect them in attitude and character and will make them lack no good things, as His Word declare, “That ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (James 1:4 KJV)

4. We mourn when we are insulted and abused, therefore, when we are persevering under the injustice, then we are receiving comfort from the Lord. We might be exposed to different kinds of maltreatment and got humiliated and that may sometimes taken place. But we should accept it as Jesus taught us, so that He will bless us and we will be comforted as He promised us in Matthew 5:4 “Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted:”

As we understand and accept all these steps that we need to adopt into our lives, then the Lord Jesus will comfort us and help us in our wounds and pain and He will have mercy on us. We are called to sing and to celebrate the comfort that God would give and provide for us, “Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. (Isaiah 49:13 KJV) “Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 52:9 KJV) The Lord will do miracles and do great things to help us, to heal us and to deliver His people from the effect of mourning. God shall comfort His church, “As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 66:13 KJV) The Lord is comforting us as a mother who comforts the child that she love and cherish. The kindness of the Lord shall not depart from His people and form His church. He shall comfort us and care for us and teach our children and grant them good future and they will move forward in peace, “10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee. 11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. 12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. 13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.” (Isaiah 54:10-13 KJV) God is speaking here that His kindness to His people and His covenant of peace with them He will not remove. God will have mercy on them and will comfort them. God will not remove His kindness and peace from us. God will have mercy on us and He will comfort us. In the past we might be mourning and having much affliction, but God is promising to us that He will build us up.

The Lord shall lay once again new foundations in our lives. When He says, “I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. 12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.” (Isaiah 54:11-12 KJV) It means God is doing new things in rebuilding us up and laying the foundation of eternal life and life to the full. “13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.” (Isaiah 54:13 KJV) Our

children and our disciples will be taught by the Lord and they will be comforted by Him and He will lead them in peace. All these are the precious promises of God are toward us today and His aim is to give us comfort.

God will do beautiful things to comfort us, and the following are the examples of God’s comfort from the Scriptures that we can adopt and apply in our lives:

Boaz comforted Ruth with good friendly words, and in welcoming her to glean in his field, “Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.” (Ruth 2:13 KJV) Boaz spoke to Ruth the followings: “8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens. (Ruth 2:8 KJV): Boaz instructed her to stay in his field and not to go to others.) “9 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee?” (Ruth 2:9 KJV) Boaz instructed the men not to touch her. Not to harm her or do anything bad to her. “And when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.” (Ruth 2:9 KJV) Boaz provided her water to drink. All these small things were the source for a comfort to Ruth. All these small things during our hard trials of life: a smile, a gentle Word, a job, a salary, a source of income, food, raiment, etc., all are from God for our comfort, that God is sending to us to comfort us. As HE comforted Ruth He is the same today is comforting us. “10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger? 11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. (Ruth 2:10-11 KJV) Boaz comforted her by telling her the good things that she did to her mother in law. He appreciated the good things that she did. We can and we need to comfort people by appreciating their good work and their right stand.

Boaz add to that, that she will be rewarded by the Lord for the good things that she did with her mother in law. “The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.” (Ruth 2:12 KJV) In the same way let us comfort people by telling them that the Lord shall comfort them for all the good things that they are doing.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, as we heard the Word of God Let us come to the Lord and let us take the privileges in receiving the comfort from Him.

Let us renounce our sins and come to Him in repentance. Let us renounce all our shortcomings that caused us all the trouble that we are in.

Let us have the attitude to accept correction and rebukes so we can be sound in faith and start to understand our responsibilities and our assignments toward God, toward our families, toward God’s church, toward our work, toward one another and toward the world around us.

Let us accept the trials and the hardship that God allow us to pass through, so we can grow, and our attitude will be perfected, having patient and long suffering and be well prepared to do the very Word of God to go on forward to preach the Gospel of Jesus and comfort others with what God had prepared for them when they will decide to follow Him.

Jesus our Lord, He passed through the trials of life and through the trial of the cross to give us eternal life, but He never fail to do His assignments and His responsibilities well and became a source of comfort to us and to others who are pressed by this life. In the same way, let us accept the challenge that we not only to pass through hardships and trials but we need still to be a source of comfort to others who are in hardships and trials as we agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death on the third day to give me eternal life.*

Lord I thank you for your clear Word to me that explains to me the situation that I am passing through. Lord thank you for your rebuke that I received from your Word. Lord I accept it because I knew that you had sent this Word in order to make me a better person.

Lord forgives me my sins _____.

Let us confess and renounce our sins to the Lord,

Lord I am weary and burden, I am coming to you Lord Jesus. Lord, please give me rest, Lord help me and rescue me from the this trial _____ that I am passing through (Tell your trial to the Lord, ask Him to help you pass it and ask Him to comfort you).

Lord as I repented and renounced all my sins, please comfort me and take all my pain and once again build me up. Lord perfects me with patience and perseverance and make me a complete person in your eyes that I can go through trials and hardships.

Lord makes my life testimony pleasant to you and makes me a good example to others that they can see you clearly in my life. Lord protects me and provides all my needs. Lord fills me with the Holy Spirit and give me the spiritual gifts that I need in my life to go on to preach the gospel of Jesus and to comfort others who are in need of your Word.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who had repented of their sins and are willing to humble down and walk in your ways. Lord comfort them from all their troubles, provide their daily needs and protect them from their enemies. Lord fills them once again with the Holy Spirit so they can go and do your work and your will, and will comfort others who are in pain and suffering..

Lord I pray for us as a church to go on in serving you and do your work and your will. Lord let your Word for us today on this message transform us, and make us good example for others to follow. Lord enables us to evangelize and to reach new people with

the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the Word of God. Lord use us to comfort others who are repenting and to preach your Word to those who are in need of them and to those who are ready to listen. Lord we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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