

Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 3

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted:” (Matthew 5:4 KJV)

We need to mourn and accept the Word of Jesus, in Matthew 5:4 “Blessed are they that mourn,” putting in our minds that when we mourn we will be also comforted by the Lord.

As we discussed previously in other sermons that we will be comforted when we will mourn for the following reasons:

- A. Repentance from our sins that we had committed and did wrong. As we truly repent we will receive comfort from our Lord.*
- B. 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.*
- C. We need also to mourn for the trials and the hardships that we passed through. But 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.*
- D. 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:”*

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

1. Rebekah comforted Isaac after the death of his mother: “And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.” (Genesis 24:67 KJV) When Isaac married Rebekah she comforted him. *Husband and wife are called to comfort one another. Marriage to a faithful woman is the comfort of God to a man. Rebekah comforted Isaac after the death of his mother and filled the space of his life. The wife is called to comfort her husband and support him especially in times of trials and testing.*

2. David comforted his wife Bathsheba after the death of her son from him: “And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him.” (2 Samuel 12:24 KJV) *Husband should comfort his wife during their trials. There was fruit when David comforted His wife; she bare a son, and that was Solomon, the next king after David. When a man will do what will bring joy and comfort to his wife, God will bless such initiative and there will be fruit out of it.*

3. Joseph comforted all his brothers after the death of Jacob, in providing for them and supporting them: Joseph told them, “Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.” (Genesis 50:21 KJV) Joseph forgave his brothers and He assured them not to fear him; Joseph made

them believe that he will not harm them or revenge from them. *We are called to forgive, comfort and help one another. Fear, doubts and worries will go away from our midst if we forgive and comfort one another by helping one another and providing for one another needs.*

4. The brothers and sisters of Job came and comforted him: “Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.” (Job 42:11 KJV)

We need to go and visit the brothers and sisters who are in trouble and comfort them. We need not to put the blame on them and accuse them when things had gone wrong in their lives. The relatives and friends of Job gave him some support, we also need to give some support to those who are troubled and are passing through hard time.

5. The Jewish moved to the house of Lazarus to comfort Martha and Mary: “The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.” (John 11:31 KJV) We go to the house of mourning to comfort others who are afflicted by death. We comfort those who mourn. We weep and mourn with those who are passing hard time in life and we sympathize with them. ***“Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.” (Romans 12:15 KJV)***

6. We need to accept that God would work out in a special way to comfort us, we who are His people: “I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.” (Psalm 119:52 KJV) David in remembering the judgment of God and the discipline of God, he was able to see not the mourning and the pain only, but he was able to see the comfort of the Lord. People would get upset with when God is bringing judgment on them, but let us not be like that. We need to see the good things, the correction, that God is bringing during the trial, and that shall bring comfort into our lives.

“And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. 2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. 3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. 4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. 5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. 6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.” (Isaiah 12:1 KJV) Let us see that the anger of the Lord had passed away and let us welcome His kindness and His comfort toward us. Let us now walk with faith and trusting His Word and His promises that He will comfort us. The Lord God is our strength, our provider, and He is our help in times of need. Therefore today, we rejoice and we cry out and shout for joy.

7. Let us not be like some people who refuse to be comforted: “In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to

be comforted.” (Psalm 77:2 KJV) Asaph refused to be comforted. The mind set up of Asaph, that he decided to refuse the comfort of God, in such a case then there is no way for God to reach him, unless he will change his mind. Therefore, in the day of troubles, let us not only see the troubles, but let us see God’s comfort and God’s kindness toward us. We should not be adamant and refuse the comfort of God whom He send us through the Holy Spirit and through His church and His people.

Jacob refused to be comforted for the loss of Joseph; when the news about Joseph came to him, he refused to be comforted, *“And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.” (Genesis 37:35 KJV)* We should come out of this mind and accept to be comforted and receive the comfort of the Lord. Jacob he should be the source of comfort to His children and to his grand children, but when he refused to be comforted he also refused to comfort them. *If we refuse to be comforted then we are refusing the call of God in our lives to be a source of comfort to others.*

8. We move to comfort people with the comfort that we received from the Lord: We move to the house of mourning not only to take lessons but to comfort other. We need to spend time, effort and invent ways and use the wisdom of God to comfort others.

Paul and Silas comforted the church at Philippi after they were discharged from the prison, *“And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.” (Acts 16:40 KJV)* Someone else would go to the church and will start to cry about what had happened to him in the prison, so that he will receive the comfort of others. But Paul and Silas they went to the church not to receive a comfort but they went to the church to give comfort to the people.

9. Let us be like such people and at that level of what God is expecting from us: God comforts us in our troubles and we are called to comfort others in their troubles, *“Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” (2 Corinthians 1:4 KJV)* Even while we are in troubles we move to comfort the Brethren. Paul and Silas moved by God to comfort the church, even themselves one night before were beaten and abused by the men of the city and were put in jail.

Paul and Silas were comforted by God while they were in the prison. *In the same way, Let us learn to receive a comfort from God even in the midst of our hardship, pain and suffering. Let us not focus on the negative things but let us focus on the good things that God is doing in our lives.*

Paul said to the Romans, *“10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; 12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.” (Romans 1:10-12 KJV)* Paul was looking that God would open a way for him to reach the Romans so he can impart to them spiritual gifts that will help them in the

ministry and life, and that will impart comfort to them. Not only comfort to the Romans but as well as comfort to Paul as he would accomplish the will of God and the plan of God in the life of His church, the church of Romans. *We therefore, move by the Holy Spirit to comfort congregations and churches who need more of God in their lives. As we move in obedience to God, then we will receive a further comfort from the Lord.*

10. Ministers and workers should be willing to suffer for others in praying for them, teaching them and moving to help them in order to be comforted: *“1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; 2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ.” (Colossians 2:1-2 KJV)* Paul was in great conflict in his spirit for the church at Laodicea and Colossi. Even these two churches did not meet him yet, but his purpose was to comfort them and to comfort others. The church in Laodicea and Colossi would be comforted when they will understand and acknowledge the mystery of God, and that what Paul was praying for and that is why Paul sent his teaching to them in a letter; a letter that will explain to them such mystery. Paul sent a letter to them that will do the same purpose of a visit that Paul cannot afford at that time. *Therefore in the same way, when we cannot reach the churches and the brethren for whatever reason then we need to send to them the teaching in writing of whatever they need so when they will acknowledge and understand the mystery of God and the ways of God, then, they will be comforted.*

Preaching toward the needs will bring the comfort of God to His church and His people, *“For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.” (1 Corinthians 14:31 KJV)* We need to preach and direct comfort toward the areas that needed to be healed and recovered. As we preach our preaching needs to contain a comfort to others. Paul comforted the Thessalonians as a father comforting his children. *“As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children.” (1 Thessalonians 2:11 KJV)*

Paul sent Timothy to see the situation of the church at Thessalonica. When Timothy came with a good report and with a good testimonies and how the Thessalonians were responding to the teaching that Paul was sending, Paul was comforted for such good news, *“6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you: 7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith.” (1 Thessalonians 3:6-7 KJV)* *When we do our best to care for others and follow them up, we too will be comforted.*

Paul also was comforted by the coming back of Titus from the Corinthians carrying with him the good news of their repentance, their willingness to obey, their willingness to be cleansed from adultery, their love and concern toward Paul and their seriousness in taking the Word of God that Paul was sending to them: *“6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus. 7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the*

more.” (2 Corinthians 7:6-7 KJV) “Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.” (2 Corinthians 7:13 KJV) When the church responds to the teaching and follow instructions that are delivered to them, the ministers and the workers of the church will be comforted. Please do understand that your obedience to the instructions that we delivered unto you from God’s Word, will bring great comfort into our lives

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 now trust God to comfort us, let us tell God what the psalmist told God, **“Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.” (Psalm 86:17 KJV)** Let us trust God for miracle and that He will do marvelous things to comfort us and deliver us from all our troubles. The Lord shall do marvelous things to us, that even our enemies will see it and they will be put to shame.

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.

Let us humble down before the Lord and accept to be comforted by Him. Let us have a humble attitude and accept to pass quickly through the mourning process, Let us accept to be comforted by God and by others. That attitude will heal us more quickly and that will make us ready to go on and comfort others who are in need of God’s comfort in their lives.

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. Let us accept the challenge to move forward to reach the new people that God is putting in front of us and to bring to them the comfort of God. Let us be willing to reach out the church congregations and bring to them the comfort that they need in their lives. Let us be willing to continue to send God’s message in whatever way possible to bring the teaching and the comfort of God in the life of the church and His people 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 forgives me my sins _____.

Let us confess and renounce our sins to the Lord,

Lord I am weary and burdened, I am coming to you. Lord, please give me rest.

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

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 comfort that you sent to me through your Word. Lord I humble myself before you and accept to receive your comfort and I am willing to go on and be a source of comfort to others who are around me and those who are under my care.

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 humbled themselves before you; 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 the channel of comfort to many others, those who are around us and those who are under our care, and a source of comfort for one another. Lord enables us to evangelize and to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the Word of God. Lord uses 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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