

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 32

The Year of Harvest – The Fruit of the Kingdom – Who Mourn

Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:4 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: This second fruit of the kingdom seem like a paradox. Happy or blessed are those who mourn. Without a proper understanding of the Scriptures this might seem like foolishness. How can those who mourn be happy? Yet the very definition of the Kingdom is the rulership of God over every area of life, and everything in life. Those who mourn refers not only to those who suffer affliction or persecution in this age, but also to those who mourn over the condition of this world that suffers under the bondage of sin. The righteous, those who are a part of the Kingdom of God, see the conditions around them, see the results of sin on lives, and on the earth, and with all creation they groan for the promised redemption (Romans 8:22). that those who are most happy are those who are strong, and who are rich in the things of this world. Those are most happy who have authority over others and power over their material possessions. Those of the world seek to avoid things that make them sad or that cause them to mourn. The reason that the believer can be blessed or happy in the midst of mourning over the conditions of the world around them is because they know that God will one day set all things right. They will be comforted because they know that there will be a day when the Lord will wipe away every tear, and will reward the faithfulness of those who have served Him here on this earth. Do we live in a world that is suffering under the weight of sin? Yes. Do we see lives around us that break our hearts to see what is happening to them? Are our own lives full of grief because of the affects of this world? We can be encouraged that God promises that those who mourn in this life with broken hearts will be blessed knowing God will reward and restore all things in His time.

Day 1: Meditate today on the things over which you mourn. Are they things God mourns over?

Day 2: Praise the Lord that He promises that those who mourn will be comforted. Receive today.

Day 3: Ask the Lord to teach you how to mourn over the things that break His heart. Learn to see from His perspective.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to give you that hope that looks beyond the brokenness of this world to His promises.

Day 5: Pray for your church to teach it's members how to have God's perspective in this world.

Day 6: Pray for the other churches in your city, that they would see the pain of this world through God's eyes.

Day 7: Pray for missionaries to live this truth before those who need to see this kind of hope.