

**Matthew 5:4** Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted

**Blessed:** divine favor.

Poor in spirit... humble before God. God takes what we have (nothing) and gives us what He has- everything!

**Jesus wept over Jerusalem.**  
**Luke 19:41-44**

**Hebrews 5:7** During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

**Jesus wept at his friend's funeral.**  
**John 11:32-37**

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Many reasons for mourning- this one is over \_\_\_\_\_:  
spiritually bankrupt

**2 Corinthians 7:8-11**

**When we see what sin does, and what it costs, it should change us.**

**What are the consequences of sin?**

**i) \_\_\_\_\_**

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**ii) \_\_\_\_\_ from God**

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

**iii) self \_\_\_\_\_**

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

**Truths about sin:**

- i) It always \_\_\_\_\_ us further than we wanted to go.
- ii) It always \_\_\_\_\_ us more than we wanted to pay
- iii) It always \_\_\_\_\_ us longer than we wanted to stay
- iv) Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ - choose to suffer
- v) Has an ultimate price- \_\_\_\_\_

**What did Jesus do about sin:**

**He died for me.**

**Romans 4:25 (NLT)** He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

*1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*

**What does Jesus invite me to do against sin?**

**Turn \_\_\_\_\_ sin and Turn \_\_\_\_\_ Him,  
trust Him, alone for forgiveness**

Acts 3:19 Now turn from your sins and turn to God, so you can be cleansed of your sins.

**The One thing worse than our sin...  
is the refusal to be broken over it.**



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Matthew 5:4*

1. Have you experienced comfort in a time of mourning in your life? Do you remember anything specific that brought you comfort at that time?
2. The word used for mourning in this verse is the Greek word *penthos*. It occurs just five times in the New Testament. James 4:8-10 contains the word twice. In verse 9 James says, "Grieve, mourn, and wail." What does he tell us to mourn over? (Back up to verse 4 or even verse 1 for more context.)
3. Revelation 18:7 and 8 contain two more occurrences of *penthos*. Read Revelation 18:1-8. In these verses, Babylon is personified. Find some words or actions to describe her from verses 1-7. What does she say she'll never do in verse 7? And what does the voice from heaven say will overtake her in verse 8? When will this happen?
4. The last occurrence of *penthos* is found in Revelation 21. Read verses 1-4. When does this take place? Discuss verses 3-4 for a moment. What do you imagine it will be like to live with God? To have Him wipe away every tear? To have no more death or mourning (*penthos*) or crying or pain? Can we experience "up There" down here? How?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 2:3-4 and 7:8-11. Why did Paul write his previous letter? What was he trying to accomplish? What was the result(s) of his letter? How would it feel to be rebuked by a church leader for your sin? What is the ideal outcome?
6. What is the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow? (verse 10-11) What does each one produce?
7. **\*\*Personal challenge:** Ask God to help you to have a proper view of your sin so that you might be aware of it and rightly mourn as James instructs. Ask and allow the Holy Spirit to convict you and lead you to repentance. Trust that you will receive comfort as you mourn.

# #Blessed...

## Are those who mourn