

#Blessed: A Heart for the Lord

Matthew 5:4-6

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1. Blessed is defined as being in a praiseworthy, fortunate position according to God.
2. Godly grief and mourning is sorrow over sin. We mourn what our disobedience and failure has done to our relationship with God and how it effects the world around us.
3. Paul was sorrowful over sin and the way people were embracing it. We can also feel that sorrow over other people, which should force us to pray.
4. As we align our hearts closer to God's we will inevitably feel the weight of sin deeper.
5. Though there is more to come, we get a taste of His comfort now. There can be a joy in my heart for the Lord even with sorrow.
6. Gentleness is a self-restraint and tenderness that comes from resting and waiting in God.
7. The Bible describes our heart as the control center for who we are. It is our inner person, our will, drive, and emotions. Jesus' heart is not harsh. He's gentle and humble and that is where we find rest.
8. Because of the gentleness of God we have tasted, we can now extend it to other people.
9. Gentleness does not mean weakness; it is still steadfast and firm.
10. Righteousness is the right conduct according to God and the manner of life that pleases Him.
11. The word used for satisfy in this context describing the fattening of an animal. The imagery points to the complete satisfaction that will come on the day that we are perfectly in sync with God.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Penthéō [to grieve, sorrow] to experience sorrow as the result of some condition or circumstance, be sad, grieve, mourn.

Praús [gentle, humble, considerate, meek]; pertains to not being overly impressed by a sense of one's self-importance.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Do you believe that the sorrow over sin described in Matthew 5 is healthy for a believer?

Are you living your best life now and trying to avoid mourning?

Are you harsh and impatient with people and situations that don't reach your expectations?

How can you better balance healthy expectations for those around you with Godly gentleness?

If our hearts are the control center of our lives, what are some ways the Bible describes that we can engage with changing our heart to align further with Gods?

There are many ways that we can be tempted to be pulled out of alignment with God's righteousness. What are some ways that you see this happening in the world around us right now? What are some ways that you can see this in your own life right now?

How does the hope of perfect satisfaction and alignment with God affect our current walk with him?

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