

# Matthew 5:4

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Many Bible students enjoy reading scriptures from the section that is generally called the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5 through 7 in the book of Matthew).

When Christ saw the multitude, He went up on a mountain (Matthew 5:1). When He was seated, His disciples came to Him (same verse). Then, He began to teach them (verse 2). Today, let's look at Matthew 5:4.

*Matthew 5:4*—"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

## **Those who mourn**

Let us first acknowledge that our heavenly Father promises blessings to those who have a relationship with Him.

*John 10:10*—"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

However, let's also acknowledge that our heavenly Father promises that His begotten children will experience trials in this life.

Notice some other verses that promise hard times (including temporary mourning) in this life.

- Genesis 50:20
- Matthew 16:24-27
- Mark 10:29-30
- Luke 14:26-33
- John 15:20
- John 16:20-33
- Acts 14:21-22
- Romans 8:17
- 1 Corinthians 4:9-13

- 2 Corinthians 11:23-33
- Philippians 4:11-13
- 1 Thessalonians 3:3
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- Hebrews 5:7
- 1 Peter 4:12-16

### **They shall be comforted**

One of the greatest promises in this life is that our heavenly Father will guide us through the stormy trials.

He understands our mourning and He comfort us.

*2 Corinthians 1:5-7*—"For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation."

*2 Corinthians 1:8-10*—"For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us."

*Matthew 26:38-39*—"Then He said to them, 'My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.' He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, 'O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.' "

*2 Corinthians 1:3-4*—"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."