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# BEAUTIFUL ATTITUDES

The Sermon on the Mount  
– Lesson TWO

# Beautiful Attitudes

*Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

## What is a paradox?

- ✓ a statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd
- ✓ a seemingly impossible situation

# Beautiful Attitudes

Consider the spirit of the one who mourns. . .



# Beautiful Attitudes

Blessed are the  
poor in spirit:  
for theirs is the  
Kingdom of  
heaven.

Poor in Spirit means  
Spiritually bankrupt

God's grace -- needed in  
Salvation and  
Sanctification.

Only God dependency  
glorifies God.

# Beautiful Attitudes

An  
Interesting  
Connection

Isaiah said, “*Woe is  
me, . . . I have seen the  
king. . .*”

Peter said, “*Depart. . .  
I am a sinful man. . .*”

Job said, “*I abhor  
myself, and repent . . .*”

# Beautiful Attitudes

How can it be?  
That God  
would love a  
soul like me?



# Beautiful Attitudes

Why do I say  
and do what I  
do?

Paul said, “There is  
a war within our  
members. . .”

# Beautiful Attitudes

I. What kind  
of  
mourning is  
this?

**MOURN**

[pentheo],

- To grieve over the death of a friend
- **Mark 16:10**

**Zodhiates**



# Beautiful Attitudes

The strongest  
of nine terms

**Pentheo** – the  
strongest term for  
**sorrow**

Heartfelt grief in times  
of death

**MacArthur**

# Beautiful Attitudes

Mourning is a  
process

Grief is a part of  
mourning.

*Normally  
accompanied by tears  
and a desire to be left  
alone.*

**Wright**

# Beautiful Attitudes

A. The  
connection  
between  
Mourning and  
Repentance

**2 Corinthians**

**7:10-11**

*“godly sorrow  
worketh  
repentance. . .”*

# Beautiful Attitudes

Spiritual  
Mourning is  
an **Essential**  
**Attitude**

Spiritual Mourning is  
needed for salvation.

Spiritual Mourning is  
needed for good  
spiritual health.

- **Martin Luther's**  
***95 Theses***

# Beautiful Attitudes

B. Repentance,  
Remorse, and  
Regret

**Regret** – when sin affects only the mind

**Remorse** – when sin affects the mind and heart

**Repentance** – when sin affects the mind, heart, and the WILL

# Beautiful Attitudes

C. A complete  
picture of  
Repentance

## **Psalms 51** Sin's affect

v. 6 inward parts

v. 8 bones

v. 10 heart

vv. 14-15 tongue,  
lips, mouth

# Beautiful Attitudes

A

Conditional  
Relationship

## Kingdom Character

- IF poor in spirit,  
THEN the Kingdom  
of heaven.
- IF mourning, THEN  
comfort.

# Beautiful Attitudes

## II. What Kind of Comfort?

### A. Latin meaning

- “Com” – with
- “fort” – strength

Support, Strengthen



# Beautiful Attitudes

Comfort from  
the  
Comforter!

B. Greek Meaning

[para-kaleo]

John 14:16

‘comforter’

**2 Cor. 1:3**

**Jer. 29:11**

# Beautiful Attitudes

Our ongoing  
need for  
repentant  
mourning. . .

## C. Timing of the Provision

‘Continual  
mourning leads to  
continual comfort.’

# Beautiful Attitudes

How do we  
remove the  
hindrances?

## D. Steps to find comfort in mourning

1. *Remove  
hindrances*

a) Stop loving  
sin

**Rom. 8:13**

**Col. 3:5**

# Beautiful Attitudes

Removing the  
Hindrances

[continued]

b) Start forsaking  
sin

c) Stop  
procrastinating  
about sin

d) Start  
identifying sin

# Beautiful Attitudes

Taking  
another step  
in finding  
comfort

*2. Study sin in the  
Bible.*

***Romans 3:23***

***1 John 3:4***

# Beautiful Attitudes

A Final Step  
in Finding  
Comfort

*3. Exercise the  
discipline of  
Private Prayer.*

**Psalms**

**139:23-24**

**Psalms 34:18**

**Psalms 51:17**

# Beautiful Attitudes

As Jesus  
mourned; so  
must we!

## CONCLUSION:

Jesus was “*a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.*”

**Matt. 23:37; Heb.  
5:7**

Our mourning entails  
Christlikeness!