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Sunday, September 23, 2012

“HAPPY MOURNERS”

(Matthew 5:4)

The Bible is filled with teachings that are counter-cultural and other-worldly. Few are more unusual than the second Beatitude. What meaning can we mine from “blessed are they that mourn”?

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain” (Revelation 21:4, NASB).

EXAMPLES OF FALSE MOURNING

_____ **but not repenting of sin**

_____ **mourning**

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1. The happy that mourn – mourn _____.

2. The happy that mourn – mourn _____.

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“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain” (Revelation 21:4, NASB).

“If your heart is broken, you'll find God right there; if you're kicked in the gut, he'll help you catch your breath. Disciples so often get into trouble; still, God is there every time” (Psalm 34:18-19, The Message).

“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:1-3, NASB).

“For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps” (1 Peter 2:21, NASB).

EXAMPLES OF FALSE MOURNING

Despairing but not repenting of sin

Hypocritical mourning

Forced mourning

External mourning

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness” (Matthew 23:27-28, ESV).

1. The happy that mourn – mourn their own sin.

“No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him” (1 John 3:6, NIV).

“Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight...Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit” (Isaiah 51:1-12, NASB).

“The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God” (Psalm 51:17, NLT).

2. The happy that mourn – mourn the pollution of sin.

“Who delight in doing evil and rejoice in the perversity of evil” (Proverbs 2:14, NASB).

“took pleasure in wickedness” (1 Thessalonians 2:12, NASB).

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