

Sermon Title:
"The Be-Attitudes! Happy are the Sad"
Matthew 5:4

INTRODUCTION:

I. We will not be happy until we mourn.

A. What does it mean to mourn?

1. What is the meaning of the word "mourn?"
2. How is the word used in the New Testament?

B. What kind of mourning brings joy?

1. Mourning for personal sin.
2. Mourning over the effects of sin.
3. Mourning over the sin of others.

C. How should we mourn?

1. What the world says.
2. What God says.
 - a) Draw near to God. James 4:8-10
 - b) If you seek Him, He will let you find Him. 2 Chronicles 15:2

II. We will not be happy until we are comforted.

1. When we mourn personal sin we are forgiven.

1. Why we do not feel forgiven.

- a) Guilt.
- b) Blame.

2. What we must do to experience joy.

- a) Examine yourself. I John 1:8
- b) Confess. I John 1:9
- c) Keep His commandments. I John 2:3
- d) Walk as Jesus walked. I John 2:6
- e) Have your hope fixed on Him. I John 3:3

B. When we mourn the effects of sin, we are comforted.

1. What the world thinks.
2. What the believer knows.

CONCLUSION: