

## “THE BEATITUDE SERIES”

Delivered to DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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The church has been instituted and gathered on a mountain in Galilee.

The “Sermon on the Mount” has been spoke of as the first lecture in their theological training.

**Mt. 5:4**

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

The first word of our Lord's great standard sermon is, “Blessed.” You have not failed to notice that the last word of the Old Testament is, “curse”.

That the blessing is, in every case, in the present tense—a happiness to be enjoyed and delighted in now!

**Note:** Each benediction is worded paradoxically. a statement, despite sound, leads to a conclusion that seems senseless, logically unacceptable, or self-contradictory. (Websters)

**Blessed *are* they that mourn:**

These are laws or rules that Christ has us to abide by so the Mosaic Law is fulfilled (**Mt. 5:17**) and the Kingdom of God is propagated.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

**The first three are grouped together: Poor-Mourn-Meek And are predicted from Isaiah:**

**Is 61: 1-4**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the **meek**; he hath sent me to bind up the **brokenhearted**, to proclaim liberty to the **captives**, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound*;

**Parallel**

**By**

**Luke 4:17-21**

And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the **poor**; he hath sent me to heal the **brokenhearted**, to preach deliverance to the **captives**, and recovering of sight to the **blind**, to set at liberty them that are **bruised**,

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

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Most probably understand this as “sins of others” but I highly doubt it.

We are to mourn for those who mourn-

**Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.**

**Note:** But this is, The sin of our nature, indwelling sin, which is always working, and is a continual grief of mind. (Gill)

**- this virtue causes inward reflection.**

**Note:** And it can be related to this,

**For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow. Ec.1:18**

**Note:** The Sermon on the Mount is demanding; we must, to be successful, meet the demand.