

HWMR: CRUCIAL ASPECTS OF MATTHEW 5 THROUGH 7 (Week 2)

**The Blessedness of Those Who Mourn, of Those Who Are Meek,
and of Those Who Are the Peacemakers, Called the Sons of God**

Scripture Reading: *Matt. 5:4-5, 9*

- Matt. 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matt. 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Matt. 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Day 1

Matt. 5:4 - Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Rev. 7:17 - For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and guide them to springs of waters of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

I. “Blessed are those who **mourn, for they shall be comforted”—Matt. 5:4:**

- A. To **mourn** is to feel or show **deep sorrow or regret**:
1. The entire situation of the world is **negative** toward God’s economy.
 2. God’s glory is **insulted**, Christ is **rejected**, the Holy Spirit is **frustrated**, the church is **desolate**, self is **corrupt**, and the whole world is **evil**.
 3. Satan, sin, self, darkness, and worldliness predominate among all people on the earth.
 4. God wants us to **mourn over such a situation**.
- B. A saint who is **poor in spirit** and **seeks God will mourn** because the surroundings, the present generation, and the people in the world do not want God, resist God, and rebel against God:
1. The Lord promised that those who mourn on behalf of God will be **comforted**.
 2. Our grieving heart is comforted by **gaining God** and by coming under His rule; however, our comfort will be greater and richer in the coming kingdom and in eternity future.
- C. A believer who lives in the reality of the kingdom of the heavens often mourns:
1. A saint does not mourn over the tribulations that he suffers but **over not gaining God**.
 2. The object of such mourning is **God and His dominion**.
 3. Such mourning is **noble and holy**.
 4. Those who mourn will be **comforted by God**.

Day 2

Matt. 5:3-4 - Blessed are the poor in spirit...Blessed are those who mourn...

Luke 6:21 - Blessed are those who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep now, for you shall laugh.

- D. If we are poor in spirit, **surely we will mourn**:
1. We will **feel sad and sorrowful** for the poor situation among God’s people and even for our own condition.
 2. The **situation among God’s people today** is really worthy of mourning.
 3. For the kingdom life we also need to mourn.
 4. We need to mourn concerning **ourselves**, our **society**, and **today’s Christianity**.
 5. When we look at **Christ**, we are **happy and rejoicing**, but when we look at **ourselves** and others around us, we have to **mourn**.

Day 3

Matt. 5:5 - Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Num. 12:3 - Now the man Moses was very meek, more than anyone else who was on the face of the earth.

II. “Blessed are the **meek**, for they shall inherit the earth”—v. 5:

- A. To be meek means not to resist the world’s opposition but to **suffer it willingly**.
- B. If we are poor in spirit and mourn for the pitiful situation of others, **spontaneously we will be meek**:
 1. Toward **all people** we must be meek.
 2. To have the virtue of meekness means that we do not invade others or fight with them:
 - a. Instead, we are **willing to give in**.
 - b. The meek give in, do not fight, and do not invade others’ territory.
- C. **While we are being meek** toward other people, we must **fight against** the power of darkness—Eph. 6:12:
 1. The enemy is not other people.
 2. It is Satan and his angels, the evil powers in the air—2:2.
- D. If we are **meek, willing to suffer** the world’s opposition in this age, we will **inherit the earth in the coming age**—Heb. 2:5-8; Luke 19:17, 19; Matt. 11:28-30; Num. 12:3.

Day 4

Matt. 11:29 - Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

2 Cor. 10:1 - But I myself, Paul, entreat you through the meekness and gentleness of Christ...

- E. The Lord Jesus said of Himself, “I am **meek...in heart**”—Matt. 11:29:
 1. In facing **opposition**, the **Lord Jesus was always meek**.
 2. Paul in 2 Corinthians speaks of the **meekness of Christ**—10:1:
 - a. Meekness is a **virtue of the humanity of Christ by the divine life**.
 - b. Christ’s meekness is not a simple matter, for it is in His humanity and by the divine life.
 - c. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He lived a human life by the divine life.
 - d. Through this mingling of divinity and humanity the virtue of meekness was manifested.

3. Christ's meekness is seen in the way He entered Jerusalem as described in **Matthew 21:1-11**:
 - a. He was "meek and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, a foal of a beast of burden"—v. 5.
 - b. This signifies the **meek** and **lowly** state in which the Lord was willing to present Himself.
 - c. Christ the heavenly King did not come with haughty splendor but with **gentle, humble meekness**.
 - d. The Lord Jesus came not to fight but to be a **meek King**.
- F. Those who are **meek will inherit the earth**—5:5:
 1. If we live in the reality of the kingdom of the heavens and partake in the kingdom, we will inherit the kingdom of God—1 Cor. 6:9a, 10b; Gal. 5:21b; Eph. 5:5b.
 2. **Inheriting** the kingdom of God is different from **entering** into the kingdom of God through regeneration:
 - a. Having entered into the kingdom by being regenerated, we now need to **grow and develop** in the divine life.
 - b. As a **result** of this growth and development, we will **inherit** the kingdom of God.
 - c. We cannot inherit the kingdom of God **unless we grow to maturity** in the proper development in the divine life.

Day 5

Matt. 5:9 - Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Heb. 12:14 - Pursue peace with all men and sanctification, without which no one will see the Lord.

III. "Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be called the sons of God"—Matt. 5:9:

- A. Satan, the rebellious one, is the instigator of all rebellion.
- B. For the kingdom of the heavens, under its heavenly ruling, **we must be those who make peace among men**—Heb. 12:14:
 1. Our Father is the **God of peace** (Rom. 15:33; 16:20), having a peaceful life with a peaceful nature.
 2. As those born of Him, if we would be peacemakers, **we must walk in His divine life and according to His divine nature**.
 3. In this way we will express His life and nature and be called the sons of God.
- C. The blessed peacemakers will be called the sons of God—Matt. 5:9:

Day 6

Rom. 8:14 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Rom. 8:19 - For the anxious watching of the creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God.

1. The believers are **children of God**, and then they gradually grow up to become **sons of God**.
2. In His salvation **God makes sinners into sons**.

3. The central thought of the book of Romans is that in His salvation **God is making sinners His sons with His life and nature so that they may become constituents of the Body of Christ for His expression:**
 - a. Romans 8, in particular, emphasizes **sonship**:
 - (1) Verse 14 says, “As many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are **sons of God**.”
 - (2) This indicates that we may know that we are **sons of God** by the fact that we are **led by the Spirit**.
 - (3) The leading of the Spirit marks us out as being sons of God in the growth of life.
 - b. Verse 19 continues, “The anxious watching of the creation eagerly awaits the **revelation of the sons of God**”; this verse speaks of the **manifestation**, or the **appearing**, of the sons of God.
4. Galatians 3:26 says, “You are all **sons of God through faith** in Christ Jesus”:
 - a. Faith in Christ brings us into Christ and makes us **one with Christ**, in whom is the **sonship**.
 - b. We must be identified with Christ through faith so that **in Him we may be sons of God**.