

“AN ATTITUDE OF REPENTANCE”

Series: “THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS”, Part 2 of 8
Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 5:1-4

Big Idea: When I really accept the truth about my own inherent sinfulness, it fosters in me an attitude of repentance.

Matthew 5:1-4, “Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

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The first view: **Jesus wants us to be weepy, miserable people.**

Luke 19:41-42, “As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.”

The shortest verse in the Bible, John 11:35, simply says ...
John 11:35, “Jesus wept.”

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The second view: **If you mourn for the loss of a loved one you will be comforted.**

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The third view: Jesus is speaking of an attitude of repentance over the fact that we are spiritually impoverished.

James 4:8-10, "Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

Isaiah 57:15b, "I live ... with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Psalms 34:18, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Psalms 32:1-2, "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit."