

## The Beatitudes: Those Who Mourn

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on  
me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the  
brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the  
prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
and provide for those who grieve in  
Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of  
righteousness,  
a planting of the Lord  
for the display of his splendor.

And I heard a loud voice from the  
throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God  
is with men, and he will live with them.  
They will be his people, and God  
himself will be with them and be their  
God. He will wipe every tear from their  
eyes. There will be no more death or  
mourning or crying or pain, for the old  
order of things has passed away."

Matthew 5:4; Isaiah 61:1-3  
Revelation 21:3-4