

## Those Who Mourn!

Last week we began to answer the question, how to live under an open heaven. We looked at the first step. When did you receive Jesus as Lord of your life? When you realized you needed Him! Jesus calls that being poor in spirit. In Matthew 5:3.

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

Heaven is opened when we are poor in spirit. God's ways are a paradox. They may seem contradictory, but His ways are Truth! Can you be content living in desperation for God? Can you be content yearning for more of Him? Can you live knowing that without Him you are in trouble? But then Jesus went on to say in Matthew 5:4:

*“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”*

This is how the Kingdom of God operates. You have a right to access all of heaven, because of Jesus, not just for yourself, but for others as well! Jesus boldly declared that those who will mourn for someone else shall themselves be comforted. Now, where does that comfort come from? The Comforter, of course! As we make ourselves available to the Lord and stand in the gap for someone else, all of heaven comes to our aid. If you and I won't do it, who will? When you mourn for others it places a wonderful demand upon the Holy Spirit. And He will come and do what only He can do. He brings comfort! Many times we limit God with our small and selfish thinking. The Comforter comes as we go in His place to serve! The Comforter comes to the mourner, not the one who is content within himself! And the Comforter will come time and time again for you when you are over your head! So, go ahead and take a risk on God's way of living!

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