

# Happy Mourning

2023.11.26 Morning Sermon in **Matthew 5:4–6**

4Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

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

6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

**Main idea:** Longing for Christ and His kingdom includes profound grief for a time, but they to whom the Spirit gives this longing are blessed already in the sure hope of perfect, eternal blessedness.

**Introduction:** What is it like to be a Christian? Grieving deeply, being brought low, and perpetual hunger and thirst throughout this life.

## 1. **Grieving Deeply**, v4

- a. Appropriate rejoicing (in the Lord!) and appropriate mourning (this world)
- b. Mourning that comes from poverty of spirit (cf. Rom 7:15–25)
- c. Mourning that groans forward with respect to the entire creation (cf. Rom 8:16–30)
- d. Mourning that will surely be comforted completely

## 2. **Being Brought Low**, v5

- a. Brought low under God's mighty hand.
- b. Not striving for their own name or influence or power.
- c. Confident that the King reigns and content with that. (conscientious objectors from the Psalm 2 strife)
- d. Meekness embraces Christ alone as strength and glory.
  - i. The sense in which there is an "already" to inheriting the earth.
  - ii. The great fullness that is to come.

## 3. **Perpetual Hunger and Thirst (throughout this life)**, v6

- a. Formed. Positional sanctification. A "hunger and thirst" transplant. Everyone is hungry for something.
  - i. Hunger and thirst for our own growth in true righteousness.
  - ii. Hunger and thirst for righteousness on the earth so that Christ would receive what is rightfully His.
- b. Fed. Progressive sanctification. Christ already fully satisfying, and the hunger that He gives us to see His righteousness worked out in us corresponds to the work that He does in us.
- c. Filled! Glorification. The work completed in us. The resurrection, together with a new heavens and new earth in which righteousness dwells. Never again sinning and never again sinned against.

**Conclusion:** Come, you blessed, in your grief, humility, and hunger. Rejoice in the Lord already now. For in Him is all comfort, glory, and fullness. And the day on which He perfects these unto us is fixed in time and hastens toward us.

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Matthew chapter 5 verses four through six. These are god's words. Blessed are those who mourn? For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek. For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger? And thirst for righteousness. For they shall be filled.

Oh man, the census reading. Of god's inspired and inherent worked. Please visit it.

You remember at the end of chapter 4, how The lord jesus had not only preached, the good news of the kingdom. But from his lips was good news in a way that it had not been from john's lips john who Proclaimed that there was one coming. Who could give us that heart and mind.

That was necessary. To enter the kingdom. Not only. The lord jesus, of course being the righteousness. Of anyone who believes in him. So that we have no fear of the wrath of god. Where the? Lack of admission. Into glory. The lord jesus being the righteousness and sacrifice of anyone.

Who trusts in him? But also that the lord jesus would baptize not with water but but with his spirit, And that his spirit, then would not only make us Uh, qualified in christ to enter the kingdom to enter glory. But he would make us fit to enjoy the kingdom.

Where the great holiness and glory of god. Would be to us. Not a terror. As it will be to all those who experience. That power and that glory. Forever, apart from grace. But that's seeing him would be Our pleasure. And the lord jesus had preached, the gospel gone about all galilee.

If you have your Bible open, you can look back at verse 23 of the previous chapter. He went about all golly teaching in their synagogues, he would read from the Hebrews scripture. And preaching the good news. Of the kingdom. And to show that he was the one. Who had been promised to crush the serpent's head?

He was the one. Who has promised to seed of abraham. In which all of the families of the earth would be blessed. He was the one who is promised. As son of david who had have a kingdom forever. Of righteousness. In which not just sin, but even the consequences of it, Would ultimately be banished.

The way the last 15. But less than 15 12 or so chapters of isaiah proclaimed. The son of david to show that he is this one. He performed science. He went about. Healing, all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. They brought to him all sick people, the diseases and torment.

Demon possessed and epileptics and epileptics and paralytics. Going to healed them. You performed these signs. To show himself as the things signified. The Messiah. The savior. The god, man. And as most recently preached by john, The one who is coming after him. Who would pour out his spirit. And then you remember that as multitudes gathered, Apparently, Primarily for the science.

Not for the gospel of the kingdom. Not for the identity of the king. And how do we know? Because jesus at the beginning of this chapter, it says, seeing the multitudes He went up on a mountain. And he sat down and This goes back to the teaching in the synagogues, you remember, as Luke helpfully describes for us, that When the When the word had been read.

He when he had read, The scripture standing, he sat down to teach and so he goes up on the mountain. And he sits down. He didn't go up. And start praying. You didn't go up and disappear from sight. There were those who were with the multitudes who were all excited about the signs.

And they saw Jesus go up on the mountain, which he did in response to their being multitudes and sit down. And what did they know was about to happen from the times that they had had in the synagogues He was about to teach. And so, it weren't satisfied. To stay back with the multitudes who are so excited about healings.

Healings. Incidentally, that weren't permanent these people still Got ill again. Or maybe the Lord preserved to them, great health, but they died. And those who were then has disciples. Came to him. And one of the things you might want to know, In that context. Having seen him known him as the promised one known him, as the one who had saved you, who is all your hope now.

And, And chosen to come to him rather than to stay. With the multitudes was what is it going to be like to be a citizen of the kingdom? What is it going to be like to belong to him? And praise God, the great word that you hear, and you can see it very plainly even in the English formatting.

If you have your Bible open to Matthew 5 with all, you can see it in the a little bit. There's three of the Beatitudes. In our worship folders and our worship booklets. What is it like to belong to Jesus? It is to be blessed. But not in the way the world thinks.

Because it is to be blessed, but it's also to grieve. Deeply. Blessed, happy. Are those who mourn? Using a word that expresses a great grief of heart. That is actually physically expressed. Mourning was a big deal. In their culture. We are not very good at it at all. If someone has the The temerity to start dying, we put them in a home where we don't have to see them do it.

And, The grief is very mutant. But blessed are those who mourn so happier those who grieve deeply Blessed are the meek. It looks so sweet. And in that translation and verse 5. But it is blessed. Are those who are brought low. It can mean humble. But it really the Uh, the background to that word.

In the centuries prior to the writing of the new testament. And we know that because they had a Greek copy of the Old Testament and you can see how Greek words were used to translate old testament words. The someone who had been bowed down. Someone who had been brought low.

So happy are those who have been. Brought low. Happier, those who are Blessed are those who Hunger. And thirst. And so, yes. To belong to Jesus. His blessed blessed in a way. That those at the bottom of the mountain, we're not then experiencing But it is not blessed in the way that the world thinks.

It is out. Lollipops and unicorns, and Cotton candy. Especially cotton candy. Worldly. Blessing is like cotton candy, isn't it? It looks like something but as soon as you try to eat it all, but disintegrates It does taste the turns into a Chemical serum in your mouth. That is not the blessedness of the Christian life.

And so, as the Lord Jesus describes, The blessedness of belonging to him as he began. To describe it last week, we usually don't say blessed to the bankrupt. Do we? And especially if

you're thinking before god, you don't say blessed or the spiritually bankrupt. But if we are blessed in christ, that was the first thing the spirit, convinced us of wasn't it.

As he was convincing us of the truth, about jesus. The riches that are in him, he convinced us about the Bankruptcy. That isn't us. If you have jesus, he convinced that about you convinced you About yourself. That you are spiritually bankrupt. Put the two fat christ now. And in christ, Is all the riches of god himself.

And so, the spiritually bankrupt, you have jesus as all their riches. They have the kingdom of heaven. Really. Not they shall be, they shall inherit. They They shall be. That's what we have. Future tense. Blessed already in present experience. That it isn't present experience that isn't pleasant. It doesn't painless.

But blessed already in these experiences because of what is certain in the future, that's the grammar of four through six. But you remember last week it was Blessed, are they for they have something already, they have the kingdom of heaven. Well, we often pray, thy kingdom come How can you have the old kingdom of heaven already?

If you're still praying for the kingdom to come, And it's, because The wonderful words of the poem by Samuel Rutherford. Jesus is all the glory. Of the manual's land. And then even more wonderful words of asap. Under the inspiration of the holy spirit in psalm 73. Whom have i In heaven, but you And what could i desire on earth?

Beside you. Christ is the strength of my heart. And my portion forever. So they already have the king. So, they already have the kingdom. He is the heavenliness of heaven. And we may begin having him on earth. But, We're still on earth. And that's how we come. To the second beatitude, which is the first part.

Of our text this morning, our sermon this morning. Blessed, are those? Who mourn? Blessed are those who grieve deeply. No, you may say. But i thought being a christian mentor, rejoice in the lord, always And didn't you just begin by pointing out that if you look from verse 3 to 10 and see that one word set off in the margin, every one of those eight times blessed blessed blast, blast blast But yes.

Blessed are those who mourn? You remember it's rejoice in the lord, always Now jesus. If you're a christian, he's the great reality to you. There are other things that are real. But he is the great. Reality. To you and many of us have realized, How little our faith is and cried out to him and to his spirit as the man did, who wanted his daughter restored.

Lord, i believe help my unbelief. We have discovered how much unbelief remains in us by how little rejoicing we do.

If the fruit of the spirit is love. Joy. Then there are many, who have a very high opinion of their theological knowledge, But i've made precious little progress. Growing in christ by the spirit. Rejoice in the lord, always. There's a proper response. To the lord. Rejoice in the lord, always.

But, we live in a world that groans In bondage to corruption and decay. We live in a world that is full of The effects, the consequences of sin? As jesus had been. Performing signs to mitigate those effects. For a time and connection. With, with his preaching. It's Rather ridiculous that People think that there's such a thing as The continuation of jesus's signs, or the apostolic signs.

Those were some Healing. Those were all. Healing. They were about the things signified. They were about christ. If it continued today, And if it were ongoing perpetual thing there would

never be anyone ill in the church. There'd never be anyone epileptic. Or paralytic. Or tormented. By demons. He just healed them all.

Because the signs were about him about christ. Who is the one signified. But these things do continue and we mourn over them. It is wrong. To be heartless toward people who are suffering in body and in mind, and in life, as consequences of sin.

Blessed are those who mourn? We learn our morning from christ. But those things over, which he groaned most deeply in the gospels ought to be the things over, we, which we grown the most deeply. Unbelief. Misuse of his word to point people to them selves rather than to christ.

To puff themselves up. And to crush others down.

And each of us, Knowing our own remaining unbelief and our own sin. The best of any other. Try as we might to push down. On the knowledge of it or hide it. From ourselves, that's not the way believers operate.

When the spirit gives you that bankruptcy of spirit and that this morning He gives you to cry out to the lords, try me? Oh lord. See if there is any uncleanness in me. My heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. But you o lord know it. So it's to me.

A confess. My sin. Not only that i may be forgiven of my sin. But i know that you are faithful and just also to cleanse me. From all unrighteousness. You get the great grieving, then not only of the sin that is in the world, but especially of the sin that is in me, that that groaning, that morning, that grieving, that we saw not too long ago in the midweek sermons, the end of Rome and seven The verse 15 through 25 or so.

Where the lord has given us a new heart he's made us to is we're going to hear in the third point hunger and thirst after righteousness. But the good that we want to do, we don't do and the evil that we hate. We do. And the rejoicing in the lord that we ought to do.

Not only do we not rejoice, but Even worse. It's because we don't have our heart and mind so set on the lord that he is the great reality to us. We see all these other realities around us and we're overwhelmed by them because we don't love him. Like we ought to We don't prioritize him like we ought to And so considering his own sinfulness the apostle there in Roman sermon and this is someone who is in christ.

This is someone who has made much progress in faith and christian maturity and he cries out Who will save me from the body of this death? And praise god, he cries out to the next voice and the next phrase, Thanks be to god. Through. Jesus christ, our lord. That blessed combination.

Of rejoicing in the lord, always. But also grieving over that which is grievous. Yeah, this is one of the reasons why If we want to have morning, that is blessed. We want to come to the public worship. So that we can have our rejoicing. Over god, our rejoicing over christ.

Even as. We were praying in Hebrews chapter 12 before the sermon. There are the holy angels and festal gathering. There are the souls of the just made perfect. There is god, our father there is christ our mediator. What hebrews 12 is describing is that In the public worship of god, we Are there?

We join the blessed. Assembly. But we don't live there. With visit by faith, from the lord's day. We don't belong there yet. This is why he speaks to us from heaven. And he prepares us to

inherit and unshakable kingdom. As the same word that he used to bring us to faith, faith comes by hearing it.

He also uses to sanctify us to make us. Holy As Jesus himself prayed for us in John 17. Lord sanctify them, their father, rather he was praying sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth.

And so there's a morning that comes From the poverty of our own spirits, this is the great grief. Of the believer. If your great grief is somebody else. Sadly in some marriages, my husband, my wife. For the politically obsessed. My government. For those having trouble at work, my boss.

Children often think my parents. Parents sometimes think my children. If our great grief is somebody else. That's not the blessed morning here isn't Because the blessed morning is the one, That is a morning over my own sin first. Was a morning. In the second place. However, that does groan forward with respect to the entire creation, No, we don't have time to go back and redo the work of several sermons and Romans but Several sermons and Romans are available to you.

And recorded form. But this groaning that we have especially as the spirit begins, leading us to live, not according to the flesh, which is the way they live, who are going to die. But those who are putting to death, the deeds of the body by the spirit which is the way they live who are going to live.

Who are already uncondemned. There's already now. No condemnation beginning of chapter 8 and yet they are constantly assaulting What is left of the sin? That is in them, by the help of the holy spirit who is making them call God their abba, their father. And who is the same spirit who makes us to know God.

Rightly as Father makes us to know Christ rightly as the one to whom we're new united and there's suddenly no room for sinning left. There's not even any room for worldly desire left. All of our desire for him is for him and we hate our flesh and we grieve over it.

And yet, we know that God. Who has begun the work with no condemnation? At the beginning of Romans 8, finishes the work with no separation from his love at the end of Romans 8. And along the way he takes us through. For known. Loved in advance. Chosen in advance.

Predestined. The love with which we were known in advance. Has determined to do something. What is it determined to do to conform us to the image of his son? Not just, so you and I will act like Jesus. But so that you and I will delight. Like Jesus. So that as that which he is, determined to do, conformance to the image of his son gets worked through in what he does.

Calling. Not just when you hear a sermon but when the spirit drives the sermon home and, you know, it's Jesus addressing you and Jesus, who saving you? The effectual call on the heart. Those who are thus called by faith in Jesus Christ. Justified. Made righteous with God. Oh, Jesus.

Our own righteousness, the righteousness of God himself provided for us. Jesus, the sacrifice who has put away, all the wrath of God. Those are we justified? He also, glorified. Brought to this condition. In which we rejoice over God. But, We who have the first fruits of the spirit than grown.

The creation groans. Eagerly desiring, the revealing of the children of God and the last day, when those who are spiritually, like Jesus, well, even be physically like Jesus. We who have the

first fruits of the spirit says there. In women's age, groan for that. Part of our adoption, which is the redemption of our bodies.

And even our praying is often silly. Almost sub-Christian. We do not know how to pray for what we ought. And so the spirit proceeds for us, he helps us pray first of all. So that not all of our praying is like that there's praying that comes from the flesh.

God, have mercy on us and forgive us. And there's praying that is produced by the work of the spirit. But the spirit also intercedes for us with what? Groaning. In the context of Romans 8, that's not some, you know. On intelligible grown language groaning that words cannot express isn't like some weird mumbling or drunken gibberish.

In the context, it's what the creation does. And what those who have the first fruits of the spirit do but done to an extent that we cannot do because we are not God in the spirit is the spirit has the mind of God and God knows the mind of the spirit.

There in Romans chapter 8. And so blessed are those who mourn? Not only over our own sin but over all of those things as we are taught by the same spirit who brought us to faith in Christ by whom, we're putting our sin to death. One of the things, the spirit teaches our heart to do is to mourn to grieve.

That we are not yet in the new heavens and the new earth that this is not the new creation in which righteousness dwells to use. The language of Peter.

But blessed, are we who mourn this way because we know that all of these things that we mourn over will be eliminated. You mourn over your lack of love, for the Lord. Jesus you more and over your lack of love for your brother for your neighbor. Do you mourn over your lack of joy in the Lord Jesus?

You will be comforted. Because spirit taught mourning is part of a work that he who began will not fail to complete. And you will love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and you will love your brother as Christ has loved you and you will love your neighbor as yourself.

And then the new heavens and the new earth. So, will everyone else? Wonderful, truth. And Revelation. 21 of Not just wiping away tears. Over things like sorrow and pain, and death. He wipes away sorrow. And the tears. He wipes away pain. And the tears. He wipes out sin. You'll never be seen from or heard from again.

In the new heavens and the new earth.

When we grieve over something. That we know is temporary. And will be comforted completely. Will be resolved, completely. Surely. We shall be comforted. But there's already great comfort, isn't there? As an eliminated. The morning yet. When it will. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted? So what is it like to be a Christian?

It's someone who has his blessedness in Christ and therefore, he is blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed. So we see here,

But it's also. To grieve more deeply than unbelievers can.

Because we have greater grief and it comes from greater grief over a greater cause which is produced in us. By a spirit who produces groaning, grief. That corresponds to Christ's. And the

second place blessed are those who are brought low, blessed are the meek. For they shall inherit the earth.

Now we're already brought low, aren't we in large part by the that which is considered in the first two beatitudes? Our bankruptcy is spirit our morning over all of those things that it is belong not to grieve over not To mourn over. But blessed are those who are humbled first and foremost under god's mighty hand.

That's the instruction. Not just humble yourself. Just like the instruction to rejoice in philippine's four. It's not merely rejoice. Always rejoice in the lord. Always The instruction first peter five is not humble yourself. It's humble yourself under the mighty hand of god. How can we be brought near to god in christ?

And not realize our smallness. Our weakness, our sinfulness It's the christ's. To whom you are brought near if god to whom you are brought near in him. Doesn't bring you low. Then it may be that that the god or christ that you think you're drawing near. Isn't the one who is it, isn't the one who made all things, isn't the one who gave us?

The bible isn't the one who saves it might be. That the god or the christ in your head and your thoughts is a figment of your imagination. Some of us we've experienced this withoutn't. Continued partiality or imperfection of our sanctification. We haven't considered it enough about ourselves. But you surely you have run into someone who was very religious.

And their lips at least were full of words about god or jesus. But they hadn't been brought low. Arrogant is all get out. Ambitious is all get out. Quite evidently interested. In others. Praising them. Their own name or their own influence, or their own power? Now, blessed blessed are the meek blessed are those who are brought near to god and christ and the the greatness.

And glory of god who has made us and saved us brings us slow no longer striving for Our own name. But eager that the one before us. Would know the greatness of god's name. Would know the greatness of christ.

I think it was ryal, the The human does not matter so much. It's the truth that matters and we've quoted at a few times. I'm sure. Um, it is impossible. Genuinely to desire, that others? Would glorify jesus. And secretly hope that they would find you glorious in the process.

But don't we? Often find that our meekness though, real is Thus far and complete. That's by the way, the way gentleness comes out of weakness. Because the one who has brought low, who is humbled before god and whose desire for others is that, they would know the goodness and glory of god.

They don't use. Bully tactics. They aren't trying to manipulate situations. By throwing their Their influence around. Another use, the means that God has used And yes, sometimes the means is authority. But they maintain their authority in gentleness and meekness and whenever the authority is corrected, It comes with the morning, the grief from the second Beatitude

Blessed are the meek. Which is to say having come near jesus, not only are we brought no low but there's this wonderful thing that happens to everybody else. Particularly those. Over whom we are most troubled. When you come to jesus, they become small too, don't they?

When i am afraid, i will trust in you. In god, whose word, i praise. And god, i trust. What can man do to me? What does the flesh do? It starts listing all the things that men can do to you. But the rhetorical question of psalm 56 stands, doesn't it?



When I realize who the God is and I have trusted I also realize that men can only do to me. That which he is intended for good. Suppose. They even kill the body. Jesus says, don't be afraid of the one who can kill the body. Fear him who having killed the body can cast the soul into hell.

Someone kills you and you're a believer. What has he done? Who is ended your grief over your sin because your sins just been eliminated? He ended up being the most sanctifying experience you ever had. Oh yeah, the progress of your sanctification was like this. And then, suddenly your enemy came and killed you.

And the curve went straight up. Not only that but he's transported. You into the presence of the one who for the first time in your life. You now fully delight in and fully enjoy. And the moment you're murderer. Was the instrument by which your sanctification was completed the moment.

Your desire for Jesus was finally what it should be. Your murderer also is the instrument by which you're transported into the presence of Jesus. You know, meekness is not self-deprecation. It is Christ appreciation.

It is recognizing. That before the greatness of Jesus. Yes. There's no. Innate or inherent greatness in me. I'm united to him. His strength made perfect in my weakness. Even his glory, exalted in my, ignominy. My everybody thinking that I'm in glorious.

Meekness. Is. Being a conscientious objector. To the first part of Psalm 2. Because you're too busy enjoying. The last part of something to first part is onto. Why do the nation's rage? And the kings and peoples plot in vain. Bunch of kids knew that already because it's one of the psalms that you like to request and sing, and here they are all.

Striving striving for influence, striving for power striving for control, striving for stuff. He who sits in heaven, laughs. Because he's infinitely greater than they are. He's already appointed who gets. All the control, all the power. All the nations. It's his son. And, you know, there's a sense in which you can laugh with him, isn't there?

If you have heeded, the Command of the song to bow, the knee and kiss the sun. And you hear the end of the psalm blessed are all who trust in him? Blessed are all who trust in him. That's the key right to getting Psalm one and its context. If you miss that Jesus is the blessed, man.

In someone, the one who's delighted is in the law of the Lord, and a meditates on the law of the Lord day and night. And who continually bears only good fruit.

Then Psalm 2 may help you. Because not only is Jesus the blessed man of Psalm one. All those who have Jesus will be made like Jesus. And in the day that the morning one is comforted. The make one. Who bowed before the sun and kissed? The sun and trusted in the sun and was blessed.

By being one of those all who trust in him will be like him. And we will find that someone was about us to we just the work of conforming us to that just wasn't finished in this life. And all will inherit the earth. Well, inherit the heavens too. Will inherit all things.

You know that too. And Romans 8. And the groaning section. You remember what precipitates? The groaning section. So, when it talks about our inheriting together with Christ, provided first, we suffer together with Christ, that we may be glorified together with Christ. Those three. Together, prefixes on those. Uh, those three verbs.

If you don't know what I mean, then find the text. Look up the sermon. Listen to the sermon. Or just come to the midweek meetings. And be filled upon Christ in His word in the middle of your week. Hump day can be heaven day. If you want.

But we suffer together for a little while. It's true. That's great, comfort, isn't it? That in union with Christ were suffering together. He who sits on the throne of glory. Yet, participate shares in a suffering with His people on earth. And we will be glorified together with Christ. And in that day, we will inherit together with Christ.

We love to read and pray and sing Psalm 72 longing for the King to receive the fullness of that, which is worthy that which He is one that which He is earned. But don't you know, the Bible says. That when He inherits you are going to be a joint heir.

A little bit different analogy. One of the things we pray it and maybe you're one of the ones we're praying for. Who don't have this hope that is in Christ. And so when you hear about the blessedness of those who are spiritually bankrupt and who, but who found Jesus to be all their riches, It's like sitting in a room where the executor is reading out the last will and testament and hearing about somebody else's inheritance.

And maybe you've only ever heard the gospel preached, that way hearing what belongs to others, but not yet to you. Know that this would be the day where You get out of yourself, reject yourself, and trust only in Christ. And you hear the gospel. As that, which is for you in Jesus.

Well, the same analogy but now in the last day, Jesus is coming into His inheritance.

And if we can, Simulated reverently. To my son. The firstborn overall creation. Through whom. I made all the worlds.

And, To His bride. To His body. To all who are in Him. I've aqueous. Everything. Very short list. The last will and testament of God. Don't you realize? That if you have been brought low by the Holy Spirit, Her convinced you of who you were convinced you of who Christ is And you abandoned being in yourself and hope only in Christ, You will inherit together with Him.

Blessed to the meek. For racial inherit the earth.

And also verse 6 for next week. So, come

You who are in Christ. You blessed ones. In your grief and in your lowliness. Come be comforted in the one in whom you shall be perfectly comforted. Come know Him already as your portion. With whom you shall inherit all things. Rejoice in the Lord. Already now. In Him is all comfort.

And exalted, glory. The day on which He perfects. These unto you. Is fixed in time. And it happens. Every night you go to bed. You lay your head on your pillow. One day closer to glory. The days are numbered. Yours in this world. The days until the resurrection, they are numbered.

And if you have heard this, As somebody else's portion. Know that it is proclaimed to you offered to you in the Lord Jesus Christ. That if you turn from yourself, Your priorities, your hopes, your purported righteousness. Everything that you thought was great about you. And you find it all bankrupt and you turn to Him.

And you find in him, there is all strength. And in him, there is all goodness in him. There is all righteousness and it is offered to sinners. Because that's why he became a man. That the righteousness of god would be lived in the life of a man. And that the death of that, man.

Would absorb the wrath of god and satisfy. The justice of god. So that the resurrection of that, man. My offer, you everlasting life in it. Ticket. Don't listen to it as pleasant sounding words. He who sits in heaven, addresses us on earth. In his worship. Let's pray.

Or gracious garden our heavenly father. How we thank you that you Have given your son for us. You will god demonstrate your Love in this and that while we were still sinners christ died for us. We bless your name. Lord jesus. That you love your church, and Every member of her.

Not because there is nothing hateful in us. But because you have made us yours. And indeed that love will remove. Anything hateful that remains. So that in the last day, When you present us to yourself and that husband love. We will be blameless. And perfect. Without any spot or blemish.

Oh, help us as we grieve over that which Remains that is grievous. To be comforted in you. And help us. Who have been made humble? And gentle though, not like we ought. And not like, we wish. Grant that we would. Be sure of inheriting together with you. That we would rejoice over your glory.

Even then. We ask these things in jesus name. Amen.