



**Tuesday
January 11, 2022**

**“God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”
Matthew 5:4 (NLT)**

Prayer Points:

- Ask God
 - to show me how deeply sin (including my sin) grieves His heart.
 - to show me how sin is the costliest thing in the universe...it costs more than it is worth...it costs us His presence and blessings, our lives, and everything...ultimately, it cost God the life of His Son!
 - to do a deep work of bringing His godly sorrow into my heart over sin and its brokenness (not just superficial worldly sorrow).
 - to forgive and remove from my heart all flippancy, hardness, complacency, apathy, and ambivalence toward sin and the brokenness it produces.
 - to give me a heart like His that “grieves over the ruin of” my nation.

Genesis 6:5-6 (NIV) – “The Lord saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and His heart was filled with pain.”

II Corinthians 7:9-10 (NIV) – “...your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended...Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.”

Amos 6:1, 6 (NIV) – “Woe to you who are complacent in Zion...You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.”

Prayer:

Lord, I don’t grieve over sin like you do. I am so unlike you...so superficial! Please do a deep and lasting work in my heart and let me feel that godly sorrow and grief that you experience over sin. My heart is so hard, so flippant, so complacent compared to yours. I don’t grieve as you do over the ruin that sin brings to myself and my people. Help me grasp how much sin costs! How much is broken, missed, and lost! How sin robs us of the better things you are and have! Forgive me and change me deep inside. I want to know the blessedness of one who mourns, who truly grieves over sin and grasps its greatest loss, a loss of you. Then only can I find the true comfort that is in you. I want to ARISE with a greater hunger and thirst for you...for “more of you!” May my desire and passion for You increase and fill me to overflowing.

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