

Matthew

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Tensive, doubting, a fearful heart. Hear what Christ the Saviour says. Every word should join past. Change thy mourning into praise.

Yes, he speaks, and speaks to thee. May he help thee to believe. Then thou presently wilt see thou hast little cause to grieve.

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Amen. My friends, he drew near unto her, but he withheld from her as to who he was. And she saw him, but she knew him not.

For the scripture declares that she's supposing him to be the gardener. She said unto him, he said, Woman, why weepest thou?

[11 : 37] Oh, my dear friends, the Lord comes with this question to his son. Why weepest thou?

That is, tell me thy grief and thy sorrow. Why is it that thou art so cast down?

And Mary immediately answers that question. They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

If thou hast taken him away, tell me where they have laid him, and I will bear him hence. The Lord turned her mourning, her weeping of sorrow, into weeping of joy in a moment.

He said unto her, Mary. Resurrecting power, my friends, the Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Simon. Yes.

Now he says, Blessed are they that mourns. So, my dear friends, if we are a mourner in Zion, then the Lord will assuredly comfort us.

[12 : 41] This will follow. That hymn you have just sung. My friends, how beautiful, when faith lays hold upon these precious truths.

See, faith lays hold upon the promises of God. And did not Job, in this trial, in his tribulated pathway, when he says this.

He says, Oh, that I knew where I might find him. He couldn't find his Lord. But, my friends, his faith rises up, and says this.

He knoweth the way that I take. Job was not ignorant, my friends, that the Lord did not know where he was, although he could not find his Lord.

And Job was not ignorant of this, that when the Lord had tried him, he would bring him forth as gold. He said, He knoweth the way that I take. When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

[13 : 43] That is, he who has made my heaven secure will hear all good provide. I can't be poor while Christ is rich. What should I want beside?

Now the Lord comforts. So, as I said this morning, it's the souls that are in this mourning that need this comfort. And I read to you, particularly this evening, upon those words of the prophet Isaiah, there of the Spirit of the Lord upon him, to comfort all that mourns.

To give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the Spirit of heaviness. Read in the 40th of Isaiah, comfort ye, comfort ye my people.

Speak ye comfortably unto Jerusalem. Cry unto her. What? That her warfare is accomplished. That her iniquity is pardoned. For she hath received of the Lord double for all her sins.

It's a risen Savior, one who has been crucified, died, and to redeem your soul from death. My dear friends, to have a view of the sufferings of the dear Son of God, and to be assured that your names are engraved on the palms of his hands, that thy woes are continually before thee.

[15 : 16] You may say, You may say, but oh, I'm in a mourning. When, oh, when will it be done? When will the Lord come again? Would he thus far have brought you to put you to shame?

No. No. My friends, he says, blessed are they that mourn. So it is, he knows, that it is. The way that you are to walk, and in this mourning and sorrow, will make you long for that day of liberty and of joy, when the Lord will comfort your soul.

Now see, the Lord will come. My friends, if he speaks one word into your heart with power, how you will be comforted.

Now see, only the Lord can comfort these souls that are in distress. And he will assure you of your interest in his life, death, and resurrection, and show to you that you are married to Christ, that he is your husband, your elder brother, your friend.

Yes. And that in his love and in his pity he redeemed you, he carried you all the days of old. Yes. Not, my friends, that you have ever beheld of those everlasting arms of love and mercy.

[16 : 43] Now what an unspeakable time it is to be a mourner. I know, my dear friends, it's a way the flesh hates.

We would not walk this way in the flesh, and you cannot walk it in the flesh, but it's a most sacred faith in the spirit. Why? Because it is the way which the Lord leads his people, by being in the way the Lord met with me.

Now see, if you know nothing of this godly mourning and repentance and compassion of sin, because you have so much to mourn over of indwelling sin, and that you want the Lord to come and to comfort you, and if he comforts your soul with the tokens of his love and favor and mercy to your soul, how many times you may have cried out in your distress, let's break through the clouds.

Oh, source of light, let joy succeed the weeping night. See, there is a weeping night, let that joy come out in the morning.

There will be a mourning in your soul when the Lord will comfort you. And, my friends, when he comforts, none can give distress.

[18 : 05] Now, when he comforts, when he comes, reveals himself unto you. Oh, you may feel that the time is so far from this.

My friends, because of the darkness, that then the darkness and the light are both alike to the Lord, that his eternal purposes is for his own honor and his own glory, and will make you appreciate his visits.

I say you will appreciate all that I knew where I might find him. Now, see, the Lord says, Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Now, when the Lord comes into your case and into your heart and meets with you and causes the day start to arise on high, when he favors you with the visits of his face, what is it to be comforted?

My friends, it's this, to have the word of God applied with power is to have a revelation of Christ to your soul. To now, my Jesus, crucified by our exiles all things beside, everything else will fade away like blowworms in the sun.

[19 : 26] Will your sorrow turn into a joy? Say, woe that comfort! When the Lord breaks through the clouds, when he comes and gives you a token of his love, when you feel your very soul to be on fire, the Lord draws near to you, yes, says to you, end about not in these words, but in the substance of it, why art thou so cast down?

Look unto me. Lift up your eyes. Where have you been looking, my friends, in the days of mourning? Looking in yourself?

Looking around? Cannot find any comfort? Looking and searching the scriptures and find no consolation in them? You come to the house of God and there seems to be nothing for you.

You go home and you go back as you come mourning. But, my friends, see, let us turn to them. These souls that are in it, the Lord is leading this wine who are true mourners in Zion and in godly repentance and confession of their sins.

Remember the words of the Lord, there is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repented. Joy in heaven?

[20 : 55] Say what for a sorrowing soul? Yes. For he shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied. He hath borne your sins and your iniquities.

He hath put them away never to be remembered against you anymore. And thus he will comfort you when he manifests this unto you as your risen and exalted Savior.

Now the apostle Peter comes to the point. And well could he come to it being one that had walked it out and experienced it and enjoyed it.

That is, dear you that have a good hope through Christ, your hope is not lost. that my you in, your in this morning, it is as though it's light in the grave.

Now Peter knew this path and what does he say in his epistle? He says, being begotten again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

[22 : 00] Being begotten again unto a lively hope. Oh my friends, is this what you want tonight? To be begotten again unto a lively hope. You want the Lord to visit your soul.

You want him to come near, draw near. Yea, not only to draw near, but to enter with all his glorious running into your soul. That your cup might be so full of the love of Christ.

Yea, yea, flowing over with his love, his mercy, his compassion, his pardon and mercy he brings out and whispers in your ear, I love thee well, my child.

For a little moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies he will return. He will. My friends, the God is not a man that he should like.

No, he hath not spoken and will not do it. Now, you may fear that and the enemy harass you, but see, when the Lord comes, the enemy, the accuser of the brethren, he will be gone and you will be comforted.

[23 : 13] And the death path of tribulation and sorrow and mourning, which you have known, will turn bright into a day of gladness, whereby, as was mentioned this morning, of the hearts hanging up on the willow, you will take them down.

My friends, see, our time is always ready for the Lord to comfort us. We won't come no sooner than we feel distress. We want the Lord to comfort us. But see, this is a fire which must do its work.

And, though at the appointed time, the Lord will come and he will comfort you. and bring peace and pardon and mercy into your soul, you will say, this is the power of God.

We have waited for him. Oh, when he brings the word out with power into your soul and comforts you, wherewith he comforts his people, peace, pardon, and mercy, my friends, see, what an exchange.

a poor, mourning soul, one who has made his couch to swim in his tears. And now, he's bound at the foot feet of Jesus, weeping, washing his feet with the tears.

[24 : 39] And never be able, my friends, to put into words the feeling and comfort of your soul when the Lord appears.

Now, the enemy has said he will not come, as he suggested to you that the Lord will be gracious no more. Ah, my friends, he may, but you'll prove him that he is a liar, for can he forget you?

Can he, when you cost him wounds and bruises and the crowning of the thorns, the cruel spear, the nails in his hands and his feet, when nailed to the accursed tree, with your name upon his breast, and whose cry from the cross his father forgives them, they know not what they do.

He has borne the curse for you, and that you might go free, the debt is paid, and the victory is won, but your Lord now has ascended up on high, he has risen, and by his resurrecting power, see, he revives, he comforts his sorrow in science here.

Yes, I know one said pains and sorrows, sins and woes, will the Christians way opposed. Every day he brings something new, Zion's troubles to renew, but my friends, there's a time of repression, there are the oasis in the wilderness, when the Lord will visit your soul, when he will comfort you in your distresses, he comforts you, and when he comforts you, then you will have peace in your soul, that peace that passeth all knowledge.

[26 : 32] Now he cannot express that peace is not a false peace, not comforted by some false means. Now he that is faithful, that to his word he comforts you.

Oh, that I could believe, says the soul, then all would easy be. But see, my friends, this is not in our hands, the Lord gives that faith to believe, and when faith makes contact, lays her hands upon our precious Christ, there is virtue that flows out of him into your soul.

think of that dear woman in her distress and her affliction, and was given that faith to believe that if she could to touch the hem of his garment, she would be made whole.

And in her weakness and affliction, she was enabled to press through the crowd. Now immediately, my friends, there was she made contact by touching the hem of his garment.

Immediately, there was virtue floating to her soul, and she was made whole immediately. And thou, the Lord said, who hath touched me?

[27 : 48] And those about him, they said, hey, it was something strange that he should ask such a question even to his disciples. While thou art thronged by people, and sayest thou who touched me?

Ah, wait a minute. One of my love has touched me. There has been contact here. The faith has laid hold. There is virtue gone out of my soul.

As my friends, another point is this. The Lord would not permit her to go as she came. She came behind him in the press. But his name is to be honored and glorified.

Sing his praises. Tell of his wondrous works. And when she saw that she was not dead, she came and fell down before him before all the people and declared unto him that she had touched him and that she was healed.

And she, as the hymn writer says, and healing, virtue, soul, was answered, daughter, go in peace by faith that might be whole.

[28 : 59] So, my friends, see the Lord gives that faith to believe. And see, in believing, we rejoice to see the cloud renewed.

Oh, you have that assurance, my friends, of your eternal salvation in a precious and a finished work of the dear Redeemer.

and then you will burst out with that language. He that has made my heaven secure will hear all good provide. Oh, he will, he will comfort, my friends, you from your distress of this morning.

Yes, he will. Then he will dry up your tears. When he will reveal himself to you, let the Lord reveal himself to the eye of faith, my friends, immediately and your soul will be comforted.

I have found him whom my soul loveth. You know you've been going about, haven't you, seeking him whom your soul loveth and have been crying, oh, when will it be day with my soul?

[30 : 12] Will the Lord not appear? And then, presser, you have turned to his word. May be open the scriptures of truth and the Lord has led you to a portion of his word.

That is, your eyes have lighted upon the word and it's been brought home with power into your soul and you have received it. You have food to eat that the world knows nothing of.

You don't wonder the dear saints then, breaking away on their own to you from the noisy den of this world. what for to be with the Lord? To have thus week a fellowship with him and communion with him and he with you and here he consoled your mourning and turned your sadness into prize and you can say the Lord has appeared.

Your countenance is changed for the Lord has blessed my soul. He has made known his love unto me. He my very soul would break forth in his praises now.

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Yes, my friends, they know I must flesh and comfort these mourners.

[31 : 33] Now, may they try to speak comfity to them but see they are that as Job says, O wretched comforters are you all.

Only the Lord can comfort now the Lord says I he will comfort. These souls shall be comforted. I do love my friends to see this and to stress this point.

There is no ifs or buts about it. I know perhaps some of you are in deep distress and you would say, well, will that day come?

Will I be comforted from this trial? Will the Lord bring me out of it? If I was sure of it, my friends, he that hath spoken the word, he will perform it.

And I do not hesitate one moment if one of the eternal shells and wills of almighty God, you will say with David, I was brought low and the Lord helped me.

[32 : 40] This poor man cried and the Lord heard him and delivered him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and say the time will come when your soul will be comforted, when the Lord will give you your request, when he will visit your soul, when he will reveal himself.

Now when Christ is revealed, I thank you have all that your soul could wish. and say the comfort of your deeds in your soul, the stormy sea may have come, and as we read in the 107th Psalm, then are they glad because they be quiet, and so he bringeth them unto their desired haven, now these oasis in the wilderness whereby the Lord will comfort you, that him you have sung, was a time in one's own a pathway of mourning, when the Lord broke into my soul, and revealed himself to me, and to that which he would do, and my friends, if ever a one was comforted, I was there.

My mind was taken immediately, to that 49th chapter of the property of Isaiah, say the time does of comfort, time of consolation, time of rejoicing, time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land, you hear the heavenly turtle, you hear the voice of your beloved, and how he comfortably doth he speak to you, ah, my friends, you'll say, why, oh Lord, such good love to me, why, as thou, why have I found grace in thy sight, ah, because he hath loved thee with an everlasting love, and therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee, now, my friends, see, this morning, the Lord has been drawing your soul near unto himself, he hath been fitting you for this blessing he hath in store, you may and have realized this, how much nearer you have been drawn unto your Lord, in these cries, in this pouring out your heart in the day of trouble, call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me, there must be the trouble before the comfort, my friends, see, the Lord has set his love upon you, he has not left you to go with the world, he has not left you to go with the multitude, but he has called you aside, he has been drawing your heart and affection unto himself, and has been leading you to the throne of Christ, wherein you pour out your heart unto him, and now he breaks into your soul, pray be, my dear friends, you have been at a far distance from him, but now he has drawn you near in the time of their affliction, they shall seek me early, how need for my friends to know, and to be brought into these times of sorrow, what for that he may comfort you, that he may favor your soul, when he has drawn you unto himself, when he draws you up to him, when you have been pouring out your heart before him,

I believe I mentioned this morning the case of Hannah, in her distress, when she could say to Eli this, I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord, count me not as an handmaid of the isle, he said unto her, go in face, the Lord grant me thy petition, the Lord applied that word immediately to her heart, and faith put out his hands and embraced it, and immediately my friend, she was comforted, for we read that her countenance was, she rose up and ate and drank, her countenance was no more sad, she went home with the hands of faith upon the promise of God, that he would do and grant to her her request, and did he fail, did she go back into this morning without being comforted, no, blessed be

God, my friends, the Lord brought forth and accomplished the desires of her soul, which he had put in her soul to live her for, the Lord was the author of this, this wasn't something that sprung out of her carnal nature, my friends, the Lord laid in Hannah's heart a desire, and that desire was that she might be granted a man-child, the Lord has laid something in your heart to live her for, and you've got to carry it through here, through flood and through fire, before the Lord will comfort you in it, Hannah had to live her here, could she give it up, could anything else satisfy her?

[38 : 26] My friends, when the Lord creates these exercises of the soul, and put these desires in the heart, he being the author of it, it will be the finisher, and see as Hannah labelled under this exercise before God, but at the fine time, when she was comforted, oh, the joy, my friends, see, her joy when she brought forth her Samuel, when she came into the house of God, she goes then to Eli, and she could save him, but with no uncertainty, behold, I am the woman that stood by thee, dear, sorrowing, I was here, I was a mourner here in this house of God, you remember what you said to me, put away thy wine from me, but look, I was pouring out my soul before God, but look,

I'm not mourning now, I've got something in my bosom, in my arms, what is it, that which I have asked of God, I have asked of the Lord, and the Lord has given me my request, which I asked of him, now here is the comfort, the Lord has appeared, now has the Lord appeared to you, has he not appeared to you on those times that are past, you look back on those times when the Lord has brought you into heavy trials, but has he left you in it, has he not comforted you, has he not brought you safely through them, and you have come forth with an Ebenezer, saying, hitherto, hath the Lord helped me, and you have been comforted in your soul, all my friends, see, when the Lord draws near, now see, without him there is no comfort, there is no rest, there is no peace, my friends, without the presence of

God, but let the Lord come, and see, he is not confined to ways and means, but he may come, but when you least expect him, may come with a word, but there is one point I want to stress here, and that is this, that you'll be found in the house of God, why, because it's here where the Lord has promised to meet his hungry poor, in giant, and you come, but though you have come many times, yet see, you long to be here, now the church in the tentacles, she says this, concerning that time of morning over the absence of her God, she said, I went about the streets and the highways seeking him who my soul loveth, the watchmen that go about the city, found me, they smote me, they took away my cloak from me, it was but a little that I passed from them, and I found him, whom I so loveth, and when she found him, she wouldn't let him go, now do you know what it is to hold him, don't let him go, my dear friends, be not like a wayfairy man that carries but for a knight, in my bosom fix my throne, and there be served and loved alone, tear everything else away

Lord, that would barry me from my breast, now I say when he comforts you, hold him, and not let him go, Jacob of all my friends in his time of his bitter distress, and there he held him and would not let him go, and the Lord was pleased to pour upon Jacob that strength to hold, when he said to him, let me go, for the day break it, he said, I will not let thee go, you know what it is my friends, by faith that I hold upon a precious Jesus, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and dare to hold him and not let him down, until he blesses your soul, and grant you your request, blessed are they that mourns, for they shall be comforted, for my friends, say he knows, when to come, and to speak peace, for my friends, when he comes, how the soul is up in life, and what peace, and holy joy, and what assurance, my friends, of your state, and standing for eternity, they the

Lord make known to the soul then, and it reveals himself, and so blesses him, with those tokens of his love, and seals him, an ear of heaven, where your bosom then will blow with the love of Christ, and you cannot express the comfort of your heart, it's heaven, heaven, it is indeed nothing less, my friends, than heaven, here upon earth, when you have Christ in your heart, the hope of glory, and then he shows to you, that it has been for your soul's profit, your eternal welfare, that he has led you this way, through these days, and nights, and weeks, and months, of morning, so how you appreciate his visits, how you will prize them, and be blessed, the thousands of his love, he can reveal and make known to you, see my friends, not strangers and foreigners, now but sons and daughters of the Lord

[44 : 48] God Almighty, you can then claim him as your portion, you can then say, my beloved is mine, and I am his, yes, you call him then your own in tides of blood, that he should have shed his vital blood to bring you home to glory at last, there is, my friends, the ultimate comfort, at the end of the journey, that these comforts are to be known here, while sojourning here in this wilderness, they see in me, ye shall have peace, in the world ye shall have tribulation, that the Lord will come, yes, give you those sweet comforts, think of David, the psalmist of Israel, in the 23rd Psalm, the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want, he leadeth me in green pastures and beside the still waters, he lead you into those green pastures of his gospel, when you will hear his voice saying unto you, drink, ye, drink abundantly,

O my delight, O yes, he hand you down to that cup, and now you will drink of the wells of salvation, till your full soul can hold no more of never dying love, O the love of God the sinner, he should come this end to comfort, as a soul in his distress, yes, yes, but see, these are the sweet foretakes of that which is to come, yes, you know that those are sweet times here, when the Lord has so comforted now your soul, sanctified to you the path of tribulation and sorrow, the changing and balancing of the clouds, when he has turned your winter into a spring season, when the time of the singing of birds has come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in your land, when he has said to you, rise up,

I love my fair one, and come away, takes you to himself, and embraces you in those arms of love and mercy, and tells you then that he has prepared a place for you, and where is the place that he has prepared and near his heart, and in those mansions of glory, when that soul will be eternally comforted, say when there will never be no more mourning, and no more weeping, but while we are in this wilderness world, there's these oases, blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted, my friends, and as Joseph said to his friends, so you have said perhaps to yours, many, when it is well with you, think of me, and when the Lord comes and comforts your soul, then you will be able to sigh to the dear saints of

God, the Lord will comfort you, being comforted, and to comfort them with the comfort whereof we have been comforted, I'll leave you with these words tonight, when mourners stand, and hear me tell, what beauty in my Saviour dwells, where he is gone, they vain would know, that they may sing, and love him, and thank you.

God may we help to sing in the close in hymn number 770 to a few children 65, the God that rules on high, and thunders when he flees, that rides upon the stormy sky, and manages the sea, this awful God is ours, our Father, and our love, he shall send down his heavenly power, to carry us above, to number 770.

[49 : 34] of how do you you Amen.

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