



THE BEATITUDES

Living right-side-up in a upside-down world








Matthew 5:1-10





***1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds,
He went up on a mountainside and
sat down. His disciples came to him,
2 and He began to teach them.***



***3 Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

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

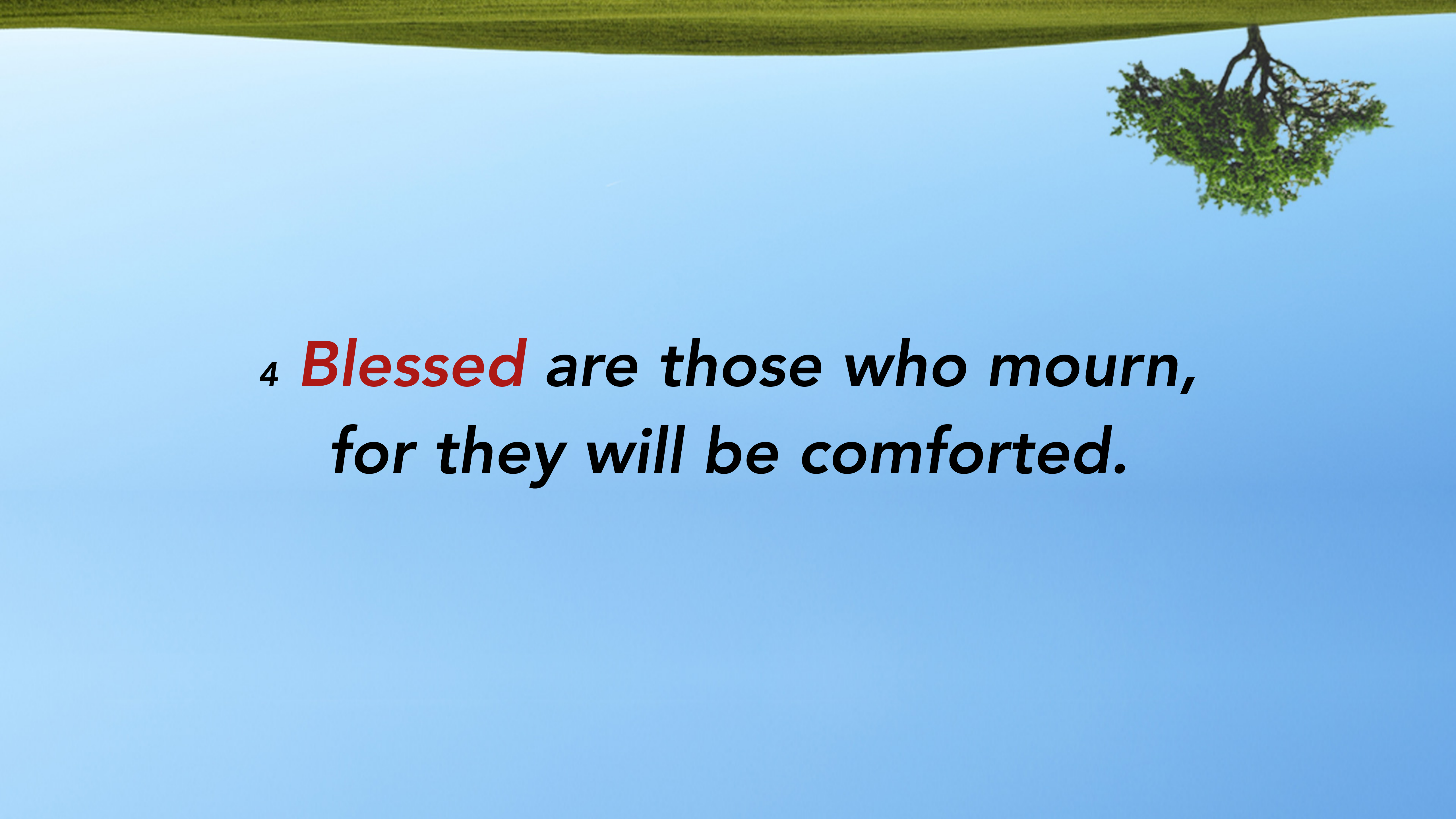
***5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.***




6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.



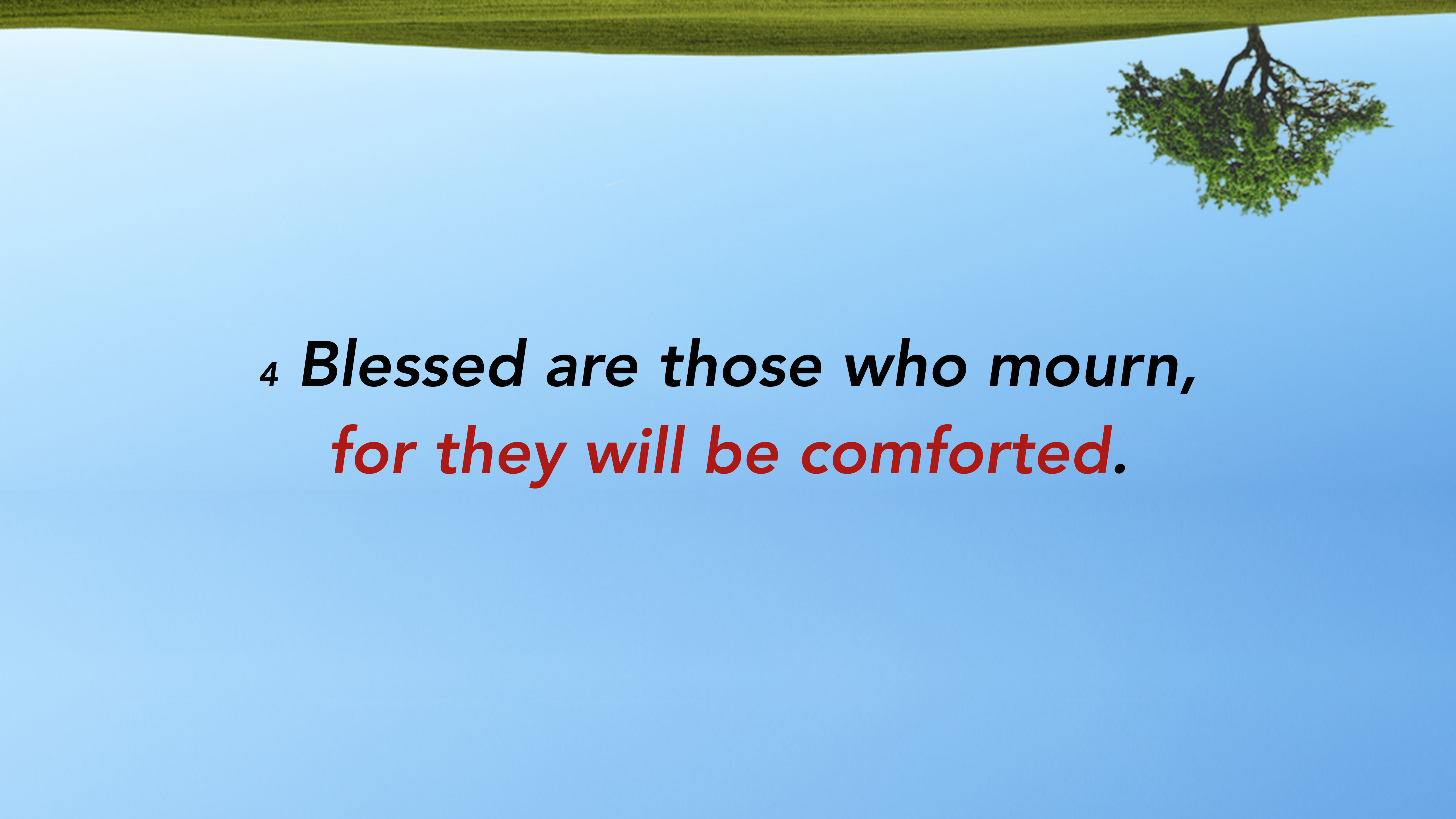
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*
- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*



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Romans 8:22-23

"We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies."

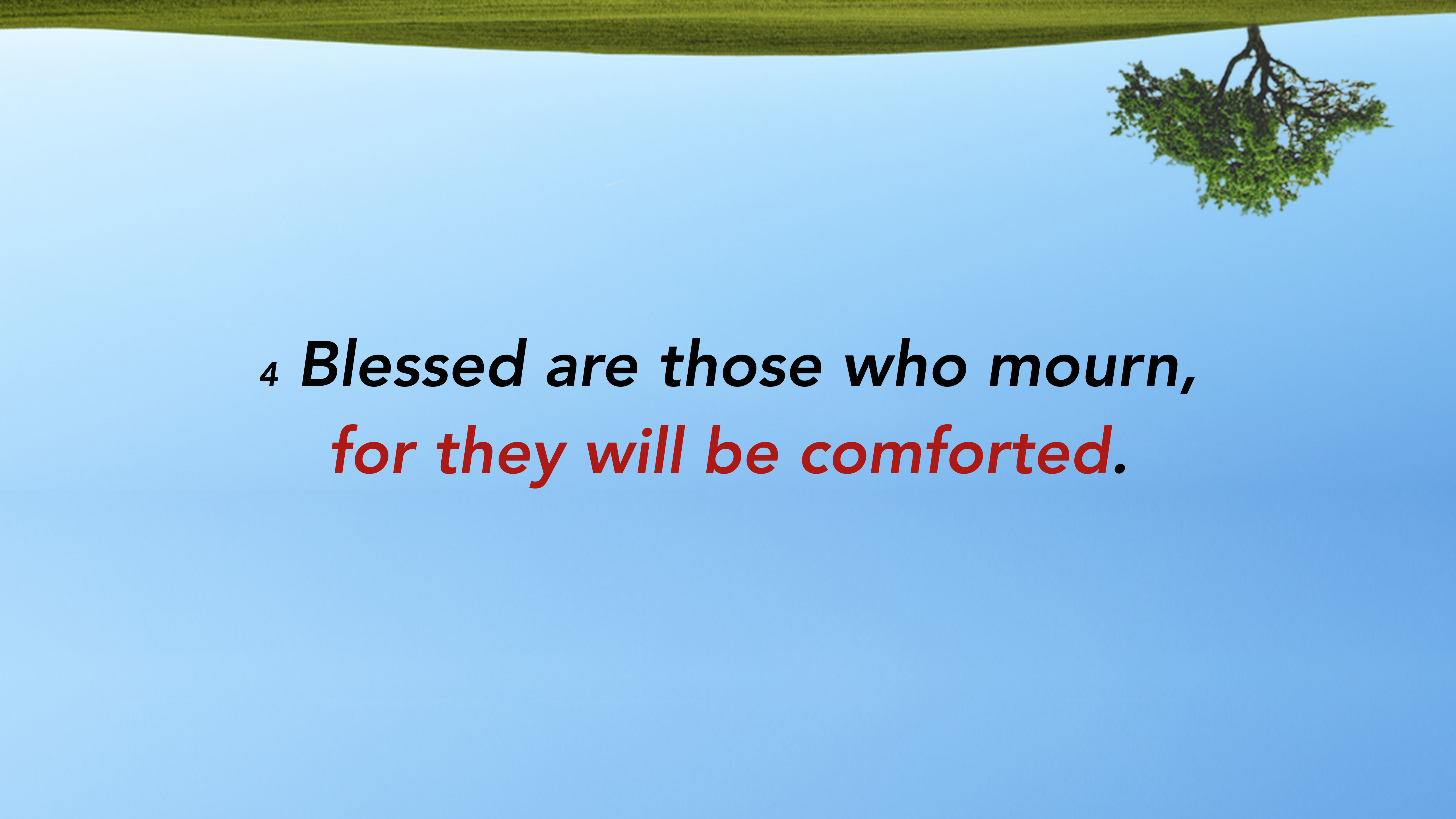


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"Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

-C.S. Lewis

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Grief enlarges our view of the gospel.



"Gandalf! I thought you were dead! But then I thought I was dead myself. Is everything sad going to come untrue? What's happened to the world?"



A great Shadow has departed," said Gandalf, and then he laughed and the sound was like music, or like water in a parched land. and as he listened the thought came to Sam that he had not heard laughter, the pure sound of merriment, for days upon days without count."



Revelation 21:4-5

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death^[b], or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”⁵



WE COME HERE TO REMEMBER
THOSE WHO WERE KILLED, THOSE WHO SURVIVED AND THOSE CHANGED FOREVER.
MAY ALL WHO LEAVE TAKE THE IMPACT OF VIOLENCE
MAY THE MEMORIAL BRING COMFORT, STRENGTH, HOPE AND SERENITY.



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