

Blessed - II

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

The prophets of old took upon themselves the responsibility of the nation and when the nation turned from God they put sackcloth on their bodies, ashes on their heads and in mourning with tears, prayed to God until the people turned to God.

Until the people turned back to God.

They became the intercessors between God and the nation.

We read some instances where God looked and questioned where are the intercessors. There were no mourners who took upon themselves the responsibility of the sins of the people who had the courage to stand between the people and God.

The prophet became the great intercessor. They took upon themselves the burdens and sins of the people, and when they confessed they did not say, Oh! these people are so weak and they do this and that... No blame shifting here.

When they got down to pray they would say, "Lord God, **WE** are unworthy". They were **ONE** with their people. They identified with them, as one with them. They did not put blame on them. They were big enough to take the whole blame, the entire responsibility, and go down before God, and lay the whole matter before God, until the blessed mercy of God was again given to the people.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit...Blessed are they that mourn". Matthew 5:3-4

Blessed is the person who understands the purpose of God, who understands their responsibility and possibility, who by God-given mourning and crying, turns the people to God. With heart yearning for sinners, they become a mourner before God, and takes the responsibility of fallen people on their own life. They go down in tears and repentance before God, until people turn to God and the mercy of God is shown to mankind.

Heavenly Father, where are the intercessors? In the name of Jesus break our hearts to the spiritual condition of the people and make each of us who read this a intercessor for the people. Amen.