

*The Year of the Bible: Blessed Mourning*  
Jeremiah 8:4-9:26

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” *Matthew 5:4*

**I. Because God is Holy, We Should \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jeremiah 8:4-17, 9:3-16*

The people of Judah did *not* hate sin. *Jeremiah 8:4-12*

Two common misconceptions about God’s nature:

- They think God is a wrathful, vengeful God.
- They think God doesn’t care about sin.

The truth is: God’s wrath is His consistent and decisive opposition to sin and evil.

- A. Sin is pervasive. (8:6; 9:5c)
  - B. Sin is unnatural. (8:7)
  - C. Sin is based on lies. (8:9, 9:3-6)
  - D. Sin is shameless. (8:12)
  - E. Sin is destined for punishment. (8:13-17, 9:7-16)
- Romans 8:22, 1:28-32*

**II. Because God is Love, We Should \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jeremiah 8:18-9:2*

The truth is: God’s *agape* love means His will is to our good for His glory and will fiercely do what He must to promote both.

**III. Because We Love, We Should \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jeremiah 9:17-22*

**IV. Because We Mourn, We Will Be \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jeremiah 9:23-26; Lamentations 3:22-32*