



## **“WHEN JESUS CRIED!”**

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**Hebrews 5:5b-8 NKJV** “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Also in another place: “You are a priest forever according the order of Melchizedek”, who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.”

Why did Jesus cry? He wept over the death of a friend, just as we too, cry and moan when our loved ones pass away! Did Jesus understand our grief and tears when we mourn the loss of someone or something important? Of course! Never forget He came to Earth in the *flesh!* Our bodies hurt when sick or injured and our emotions ache and cry out when we are overwhelmed or distressed! Jesus felt the pain and anguish in His body and mind, just as we do.

Time and time again, He told His disciples His purpose in coming to Earth. Clearly, they did not comprehend until after His Death! The week before the Cross, much controversy was going on in Jerusalem and surrounding area. People were excited because Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead! They knew He had cried real tears at the house as He asked where they had laid him to rest.

**John 11:34-35 NKJV** “And He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” *Jesus wept.* Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”

Shortly after this, many were convinced that Jesus was the Messiah they longed for! But the Pharisees were already plotting to kill both Jesus and Lazarus! [Read John 12] The people honored Jesus as He rode into the City crying out “*Hosanna! Blessed be He who comes in the name of the LORD! The King of Israel!*” [John 12:13b] Those who witnessed Lazarus’ rising from the dead were convinced Jesus was to be their King, but the Word tells us, none of them realized the total truth of why Jesus had come! No wonder Jesus cried!

**John 12:16 NKJV** “His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.”

*In plain sight and in the ears of those present,* Jesus again tells of His upcoming death. His statement in **verse 27** is a short description of His inner tears. “Now My soul [mind/spirit/emotions] is **troubled**, [distressed/ grieved], and what shall I say? “Father, save Me from this hour?” [*He could have, but did not, He accepted the sacrifice willingly!*] But for this **purpose** I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.”

Even though Jesus went to the Cross willingly, He was not exempt from the physical pain and emotion agony of facing it! Those who say as Believers, we should not be distressed or suffer now, err in not knowing the Scriptures! Any serious reader of the Word discovers the many tears Jesus cried, and would not shocked at the anguish and suffering we sometimes experience! He told us plainly that as He suffered, we would also! But just as that was all temporary for Jesus, this too, for us shall at some time pass away from us!

Hear the disappointment in Jesus voice as He cries over His beloved City and people! **Luke 19:41-42 NKJV** “Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes!” Have you worked long and without recognition that your labor is for the LORD, yet been misunderstood? Your motives questioned? In reading about the life of Christ, we see that He really does understand our human limitations or discouragements when this happens.

Since Christ has clearly stated that as His followers, we will go through some unpleasant and unwanted experiences, let us look up to Him and embrace His encouragements.

**Matt. 5:4 NKJV** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they *shall be comforted.*”

**2 Cor.1:3-5 NKJV** “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and *God of all comfort who comforts us in all our tribulation*, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abounds in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.”

**Psalm 126 NKJV** “*Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.* He who continually goes forth in weeping, bearing seeds for sowing, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

**Rev. 21:4 NKJV** “*And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes;* there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Even as Christ Jesus suffered in His physical body, there was a time when He suffered no longer! So shall it be for the Believer! Our time on Earth is brief, don't be overcome with grief! ***Look up and rejoice in Him!!***

## “MIRROR, MIRROR!”

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**James 1:22-24** AMP “But be doers of the Word [obey the message] and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth] For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it *and* being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like.”

Most of us have observed a self centered person, one who has the attitude of “*I am smarter than others*” *I am better looking than you!*” *I have more riches than those around me!*” Or a person who is born into a great family of wealth or royalty, or perhaps one who had nothing and suddenly becomes wealthy! They *sometimes* take on an arrogant air of “*I am so good, I really deserve all this!*”

I am reminded of an old Fairy Tale we read as children. Once upon a time, there was a Queen who was lovely to look at, yet actually had an ugly and wicked heart! She was like the man in the mirror who did not look deep at his character, but only at his outer appearances! This Queen became the Step-mother of a beautiful young child. The Queen had a mirror which always answered her question truthfully! Was she the fairest of all in the land? Yes, until the child began to grow and become more beautiful than the Queen!

Jealousy and hatred filled her heart, and as a result of the mirror telling her there was now one who was more beautiful than she was, murder arose in her heart! She tried over and over to have the child killed! By now, most will know this was the Wicked Queen and Snow White! Eventually a Prince saved Snow White and she became his bride! This story reminds me of a message from the Bible.

While the Enemy of our soul tries to kill our spirit and even our body, we have a Royal King who has called us to be His Bride, and will come to fight for us, as we humble ourselves before Him and seek His face! We must be careful that we do not become like the man in the mirror! God looks on the heart of man, not the outer appearances! [1 Sam. 16:7]

Too often, men look at another man’s wealth, clothes, car, looks, and makes a wrong judgment! *They must be really wise and highly favored! God really has blessed him!*” I think it is magnificence *that is not God’s standards!!!* His ways are not the ways of men! A humble spirit before God is highly valued by Him! Listen to some words the angel spoke to Daniel! **Dan.10:12b** Amp “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart and mind to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come as a consequence and in response to your words.”

*Amazing! The one who humbled himself before the LORD was greatly blessed! God sent His help in Daniel's time of need! As we humble ourselves before our God, He delights in being there for us! Don't look into the mirror at yourself and attempt to get your needs met by yourself! That man walked away empty! He even forgot what he looked like, and lost the image of what God wanted for his life! Let us look in God's mirror, His Word, for through it He has revealed what is good and what he wants!*

**Micah 6:8** Amp "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, and to love kindness and mercy, and to humble yourself and walk humbly before your God?"

We must guard against becoming proud, arrogant or self-righteous! As the Bride of Christ, our Enemy has us as his target! When we stay humble before our God, He will exalt us in His own way and time! The Book of James is so full of wisdom, warning us of dangers and instructing us in righteous living!

**James 4:6-8a** NLT "He gives us more and more strength to stand against such evil desires. As the scriptures say, "God sets Himself against the proud, but shows favor to the humble." So humble yourselves before God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you."

What a privilege to be called the Bride of Christ! Check the *true* Mirror! Guard that precious Title through the power of the Holy Spirit help in your heart! Amen and Amen!!



## “OUR SEASON OF LENT”

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The entire Month of March is in the season of Lent, a very sad time in our calendar year. O I know it leads to our atonement by His death on the Cross and His Resurrection, but when I think of His flesh, the human man part, I feel so sad. When I think of His hurt, His pain, the rejection inflicted upon Him, I find it very sad.

All He did was going about healing the hurts of others, how many times we read:

“He had compassion on them.” He saw their future need [salvation] but also saw to their immediate need. He touched their physical pain while speaking to them about their spiritual needs. Yet He was hated by His own, rejected by the ones He came to save, “A Man of Sorrows”.

During this serious self examination period of our year, there is another sorrow I want to talk to you about. Some of you are enduring it right now. Others have had the heart break of it, or will face it in the future.

It touches the lives of Christians, as well as unbelievers, every race, color and creed, the heart break of mental illness. It has many names, but the problems that go with it are basically the same. These problems follow many as the face old age.

The one that was once our vivacious young lover~ now may not even know who we are. This is a very sad chapter in our life. It is a time when we need to lean heavily on the Lord.

When it struck my home I had no idea how to cope with it. I had never known anyone who had to deal with it and I seemed to be the only one that ever faced this. Our family Doctor insisted I go to a “support Group”! I was amazed as I listened, all that I was experiencing, they knew about. Some were bitter, others had successfully accepted it, BUT all found a way “to get on with their life.”

I went home and got down to business with the Lord in prayer. Finally, I was able to accept all of it, and get going, learning how to daily cope with each “bump” in the road. I direct your attention to the Book of I Samuel this month. It opens with an account of Samuel’s birth and his effective leadership.

When Israel’s *WANT* of a “fleshly” king, no longer satisfied with God as her King, Samuel shows wisdom in chapter 8 as he tells Israel the results of a king will bring to their life~ taxation, draft, etc.

But they would not listen, so Saul is anointed king by Samuel, as instructed by the Lord. Notice Samuel's obedience to God, even in his disapproval. Saul, of course is disobedient to God, and David becomes king number two.

Saul's jealousy of David drives him to the point of trying to kill David. David becomes a fugitive, and this Book, chapter after chapter states, "David flees", to Gath, to Nob, and to many various places. In one place~ David flees to the Cave Adullam.

A cave! Dark, damp, dirty, bats, spiders, and plenty of bugs creeping about! A *great place for a king!!!* One could certainly be disgusted, discouraged and distressed! On top of all this, his family hears where he is and descends upon him, the Bible says, to "join him". I Samuel 22:1

As if that wasn't enough, they bring with them every one that was in debt, and *EVERY ONE* that was *DISCONTENT!!!* [Heb. 12:15] I'm sure that included quite a few people, in fact, the Bible tells us in verse 2 there were about hundred men. Of course, there would be wives and children also! Think of it, the women without their own home, not able to "*do it my way!!* Children running about, screaming and fighting!! That's a lot of complaining and murmuring!!!

David stayed in hiding to see what God's plan was. God sent the Prophet Gad to him, and his word to David was, "Don't stay here in hiding, but get up, and get going! I have much for thee to do!" This Book ends some ten years after David was anointed king, with David and his men in Ziklag. The Amalekites had invaded the South, Judah and Ziklag, and captured it and burned it down.

They took captive the women and children, including David's two wives and children. The men were so bitter over the loss of their wives and children, they talked of stoning David. The Word tells us in I Sam.30:6: "But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." which brings us back to the hard places in *our* life!

How unsettled is the life of a Believer on this earth! Often our greatest trials are kept to our old age, when there is little strength left to endure them. *BUT*, Jesus will in no wise cast out any that come to Him!

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

It has been said: "Our terrible disasters attend [or accompany] earthly promotions."

Lean on Him, and go on in Him!!!

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