

PAIN AND PLEASURE SIDE OF TEARS, PSALM 126

Let us go to Psalm 126:5,6, for our thoughts for the day.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him (Psalm 126:5,6).

This is a promise that if we will weep with a broken and a contrite heart before the LORD and sow in tears, or sow seeds of tears, as it were, that we will come again rejoicing. In other words, God is making a contrast between pain and pleasure, that if we will endure with grateful hearts and tearful hearts through our painful journey of testings and trials and sowing seeds of living Truth, going forth and weeping over some soul and planting there the seed of Truth, we will one day come again, the Word of God says, rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

So, beloved, let us sow seeds of sorrow for our sins, for those things that are unlike Jesus Christ in our lives, let us sow seeds of sympathy. It does not take much to be kind and to be tender and so often that we rush by because we are busy and we feel we do not have time. But this is not true, we can take time and sow a tear, a seed of sympathy to a heart that is in need.

The other day, I had a little one come to me, and they did not have an appointment. They caught me off guard. They rushed in, and, at first, I thought they were intruding. And I asked them, "Do you have an appointment?" And they said, "No," and then their eyes filled with tears. And then I thought of this message here, and I thought, "LORD, I can take time, though I have other people waiting, though they did not have an appointment, still I can take time to sow a seed of sympathy, a tear of sympathy." So I did. Beloved, it changed that little person's whole world.

And a tear of sympathy, a seed of sympathy will change somebody's world, a seed of tenderness. A lot of times, even in our own home, we do not take the time to sow the seeds of tenderness one with another like Jesus Christ would have us to do. And it would be far more

valuable and far more important than the greatest gift, the most beautiful gift that you could buy of silver or gold or diamonds or whatever. They cannot take the place of tenderness, beloved, that is sown with tears.

So let us not be unmindful for that. And let us sow seeds of longing for the Truth of the Word of God. Are there things in your Bible that you do not understand? Do you not read your Bible much because you say, “Well, I just do not understand it. It is sort of like a foreign book”? Have you tried weeping in prayer and asking God to open His Word to you, to wash your eyes?” You know when we weep, beloved, it is a way of washing our spiritual eyesight. When you come before God with a broken and a contrite heart and let Him wash your eyes with tears in prayer, it will wipe away the cobwebs. It will wipe away the dark clouds of misunderstanding of God’s Word. Then when you come to His Word, His Scripture, His Truth, it will be like a searchlight from heaven beaming down, and there will be some beautiful thing that you will see and understand that you never saw and understood before. So, beloved, the power of tears is fantastic.

And we see that in the Book of Job, how that Job in his suffering when he ended on the ash heap with his family gone, his possessions gone, his wife encouraging him to curse God and die, he wept out there, the Word says. He sowed some tears out there. And the Bible tells us later then how God blessed Job and God turned the captivity of Job and that he ended with twice as much as he had started with, but he would have never had that, if he had not wept tears out there. At first, he could not understand why God had placed him there, but as he wept and cried and prayed before the LORD, God was faithful to send a Mediator in the form of Elihu which was a picture of the LORD Jesus Christ and after Elihu placed Job in fellowship with God through his mediating power there and counsel to Job, then when God spoke with Job, we find these words in Job 42:

Then Job answered the LORD, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes (Job 42:1-6).

So, beloved, after God had brought Job down in the place of humility and down in the place of tears, Job had a new vision of God. He said, “Before, I heard of You by the hearing of the ear; now mine eye seeth Thee.” His tears, His salty tears had sanctified his eyesight to where he could see God. And in seeing God, beloved, and in seeing the holiness of God, we are bound, then, to see ourself. And such was the case with Job. And when he saw himself, he admits his spiritual pride up here, how that he had uttered things he understood not, yet at one time, he had proclaimed that he understood those things and he understood that now he did not even know what he was talking about.

He said, “I talked about things that were too wonderful for me, but now I see, he said. In other words, “Now I have respect for God’s Headship. Now I have regard for His holiness. Now I can see that God was not mistreating me. I can see His reason and His purpose for allowing all the affliction to come my way, the chastisement to come my way. Yes, Job sowed his seeds of tears in the beginning on the pain side of the scales. Then God blessed him on the pleasurable side. He came again rejoicing. God gave him twice as much as before and God gave him a beautiful family, gave him lovely daughters that the Bible says here in His Word:

And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren (Job 42:15).

So, beloved, the Bible says here that all his acquaintances, those that had made fun, those that had scorned, those that had separated themselves from him, yes, they came back again. The sheaves came back again. So Job had sown in tears so he came again rejoicing, bringing his

sheaves with him. So this is a divine Principle that is irrevocable. If you try sowing seeds of tears in your life before God, surely, you, too, will come again bringing your sheaves with you.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your diving Principles of Truth that are yea and amen in Christ Jesus. We thank You, LORD, that nothing can blot them out and nothing can prevent them from coming to pass because LORD, You, Who have promised, are great enough to perform. So Father we thank You for this Truth today, bless it and engraft it into the hearts of Your people because we pray in the lovely, wonderful, adorable Name of Jesus Christ. Amen. ☐