

4. TEARFUL PRAYER, LUKE 18:35-43

Let us go to the eighteenth chapter of Luke today for our thought for the day. And our thought for today will be tearful praying. Let us learn how to pray. Let us learn how to cry before the LORD that we might see the fruit that tears can produce when we cry unto the LORD. In Luke, the eighteenth chapter, verses thirty-five through forty-three, we have these words:

And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God (Luke 18:35-43).

This is a marvelous thought and that is the power of tearful praying. Here was a man that was in a dark world. No light in the natural was in his world, yet he was not without light entirely in the spiritual. Because it says here that as he was sitting by the wayside here, blind, poor, begging, crying and someone told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. He used that which he did have. You know, sometimes when people do not have what they want, they refuse to use what they already have. The man did not have sight, but he had hearing. So he was here and he heard the noise of the people. He inquired what all of this meant. So he used his ears. What a lesson there for us. If we do not have one thing, let us not be complaining and murmuring. Let us use what Jesus Christ has already given us so God had given him hearing. Though at this point in his life he was minus natural sight.

The crowd did not have much revelation. They just said, “Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.” And immediately, the man had a revelation that Jesus was not just an ordinary person, but He was the

Promised Seed. He was the Son of David. He was the long-promised Messiah. So he cried out then, as the Word says in verse thirty-eight, “And he cried,” he poured out his soul, he loosened, as it were, the fountains of his head, and let the tears stream down. It did not bother him that he was in the midst of a crowd. He had a need. He had a desire for light. He did not want to sit in darkness any longer. And beloved, what a picture, how he cried out for Light. When he received his sight, he saw Jesus Christ, the Word in flesh. He saw the Stature. He saw the Vision. HE saw the reality of the Glory of the Word in flesh.

So in his darkened condition, he received revelation that he was the Son of David, the Promised Seed. So he cried desperately then unto Him to have mercy on him. As he was crying, you can always expect, beloved, when you are seeking Truth, when you are seeking the LORD Jesus Christ, and you are seeking a vision of Him, and you are seeking to get out of your present level of darkness or ignorance or lack of understanding, you can always anticipate opposition. And God allows us to have opposition. That is fantastic because it reveals what really is inside of us. It will reveal the depths of the fountains of your tears. It will reveal the depths of your desire. Some people’s desires are shallow. Some people’s tears are more or less crocodile tears and when they receive a little opposition, they wilt like a snowflake on a June day and forget their seeking of God. But there are other people that are like this young man here, this blind man.

And when he received opposition in verse thirty-nine, “And they which went before rebuked him that he should hold his peace.” In other words, “You are making too much noise. This is not the proper place. It is not the proper time. We are not interested.” And besides no doubt his face looked ugly and messy. No one is really pretty when they are crying. But this did not disturb this young man a bit because it says here. “But he cried so much more.” The more they told him to shut up, the more he loosed the fountains of his head and the more the tears streamed down and

the more he cried out. “Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.” He knew that Jesus was the Promised Messiah. He knew that Grace and Truth were in that Person though he could not see, he only heard by the hearing of the ear, and he cried all the more.

Oh, beloved, what a picture, what a lesson, what a thought for the day that if we could just be more determined than ever when opposition comes our way through the world, through circumstances, through Satan, through our own flesh which is an enemy to us. If we would only persist and only humble and only cry all the more unto the LORD, then after a while, our darkness will be loosened and Light will come and we will have a new vision of Jesus Christ in a new way. This is what happened to this young man here. So when Jesus came there and he heard this cry, he said, “Bring him near to me,” so they brought him. And Jesus said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” So he said, “LORD,” another revelation. He saw that He was the LORD Jesus Christ, the LORD of Glory. He said, “That I may receive my sight. I want to see. I do not want to be in this darkness any longer. And what did Jesus say unto him? “Receive thy sight. Thy faith has saved thee.” It was his faith that he had gained while he wept and cried unto the LORD.

So tearful praying will produce the fruit of faith inside of you that will give you, beloved, the healing power, and the delivering power, that will transport you and translate you from the kingdom of darkness into God’s Kingdom of Light. He saw Jesus then. So he saw Jesus then. And look what his experience was. “And immediately received his sight and followed him.” You see how his tearful praying produced reality in him? He glorified God. He was not ashamed before he received his sight and he was not ashamed after he received his sight. Some people are not ashamed before they receive their sight because of their desperation but some people get ashamed after they receive their sight. He did not. He glorified God and he caused all the other people round about him to glorify God. When you have received spiritual light and sight and life

in your heart, others will see and others will follow, too.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the opportunity that we have to know Thee and to pray with tearful eyes before Thy presence and be lifted from one plane of Light to another plane of Light, from one realm of Glory to another realm of Glory, seeing You, Jesus Christ, afresh and anew. LORD Jesus, anoint the hearts and minds in radio land today. Engrave this thought upon their heart. In Jesus' Precious Name. Amen. Ɔ