

Mourning and Weeping

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Introduction

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

1. **Luke 6:21, 25** "Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh...Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall morn and weep."

2. **James 4:8-10** "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

B. We mourn for many different reasons.

1. Unemployment, inflation, loss of savings

2. Disappointments in marriage or children, in our profession, in dreams not realized.

-- Hannah wept because was barren and could not have children **1 Samuel 1:8**

3. Loss of loved ones, tragedies of war ... **1 Samuel 11:1-4**

-- Magdalene wept when she could not find the body of Jesus who had been crucified. **John 20:13, 15**

-- The daughters of Jerusalem wept for Jesus as he bore His cross to Calvary, **Luke 23:28**

4. **Ecclesiastes 3:4** there is a time to weep and a time to laugh. We need to learn which is which. When is it the time to weep and when is it the time to laugh? We sometimes laugh when we ought to weep and weep when we should be laughing for joy.

I. The prophets called on Israel to mourn.

A. **Joel 2:12-13** Turn to me, rend your hearts and not your garments.

B. **Amos 8:1-6** Shall not the land tremble for this and every one mourn that dwelleth therein?

-- God expects us to tremble and mourn for our sins. If we don't take them that seriously, what does God think?

-- **Psalms 99:1** "The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved."

-- **Psalms 114:7** "Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord,..."

C. **Isaiah 64:1-5** We need to be saved from our sins, but do not mourn or tremble at His presence because we are blissfully ignorant of Him, His presence, His works, His plans, and His judgments.

1. There is joy and blessing for the one who appreciates the anger of God.

2. **Jeremiah 31:9** remnant humbled, weeping, then blessed.

3. **Psalms 30:4-5** "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."

II. Jesus loves our tears of morning, when we are mourning for our sins and rebellions.

A. **Luke 7:38** sinner weeping at the feet of Jesus.

B. **Zechariah 12:10** Pour out Spirit of grace and supplication -- Look on Me whom they have

pierced -- Mourn for Him

C. **Acts 2:37** Pricked in their hearts

D. **Acts 9:9** Saul of Tarsus three days would not eat or drink

E. **Fear and Trembling**

1. **1 Corinthians 2:3** Paul was with them in much fear and trembling

2. **2 Corinthians 7:15** Titus saw their obedience, with fear and trembling received him.

3. **Philippians 2:12** work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God is at work in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

F. **1 Corinthians 5:2** church needs to mourn when there is sin.