

Has God Seen Your Tears?

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God Wants Us To Be Concerned Enough To Weep Over The Sins Of Others

We are not to be calloused and indifferent: *"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by"* (Lam. 1:12). If we are concerned enough about those who are lost in their sins to weep for them, perhaps we will then try to get them to repent and we will then pray to God for them. It is easy enough to weep over an errant parent, mate or child, but we need to also be grieved over the sins of brethren, strangers, citizens of our nations and souls in far off places.

God Wants Us To Weep With Those Who Weep

"Rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12: 15). Said Job, *"Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? Was not my soul grieved for the needy?"* (Job 30:25) *"Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; them that are ill-treated, as being yourselves also in the body"* (Heb. 13:3). *"And whether one member suffereth, all the members suffer with it"* (1 Cor. 12:26). To this day I remember my mother weeping when she received without any warning the news that most of her treasured possessions had been destroyed or lost when a long-awaited moving van conveying them had been involved in a highway collision. She herself had often wept with others that wept.

And so I ask, "Has God seen your tears?" Let us weep when weeping is called for (Eccl. 3:4 — *"a time to weep; ... a time to mourn"*), and God will certainly see and perhaps bless us for it. In hell there will be unending weeping (Matt. 13:42, 50; 22:13; 25:30), but in heaven God shall wipe away all tears (Rev. 21:4).

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