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There will be no public reaping without some public weeping. The greatest reapers in this world are the greatest weepers.

There is a gift that we need to ask God for in these days. It's the gift of tears. We need to come before the Lord, making ourselves available to Him in a deeper way. The gift of tears is more than a result of the suffering that comes from living in a fallen world. It flows from feeling the pain and the suffering that the Lord Jesus feels for us. He is our High Priest, touched by the feeling of our infirmities. We need to feel what He feels for America. We need to feel what He feels for the Church. We need to feel what He feels about sin and the abominations that are going on in the earth today.

We must have tears if we are going to see revival. If we have no tears it's because our hearts are parched. Lord, give us tears that we may see revival!

David said in Psalm 6, "I'm worn out from groaning all night long." How long has it been since you or I have groaned all night long? He also said, "I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears. My eyes grow weak with sorrow."

Have you considered Jesus Christ as a man of sorrows? He's not known as a man of laughter. He's not known as a man of frivolous flippancy. He is known as a man of sorrows.

In these last days it's imperative that the Church become a partaker both of Christ's heavenly calling and His heavenly ways. Jesus Christ is a man of sorrows. What a privilege to share in the fellowship of Christ's sufferings - even, if necessary, to the point of death.

Our dry eyes reflect our parched hearts. The shedding of tears shows that the heart is engaged. Where are tears today? Ps. 56:8 says, "Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?" Did you know that God is saving up our tears?

I know theologians who are as dry as shucks. They never shed a tear no matter how emotional their text or subject. How can you preach the gospel, the death of Christ and all that happened on the cross without tears? If you look at the Son of God without tears to protect your spiritual eyes you'll go blind. Could this be what has happened to so many theologians? They look into the word but they never cry. They never engage their hearts.

What if all of us were called upon to accept God's gift of tears before He would ever consider giving His gift of revival? Would you apply for the gift? Would you seek for the gift? Would you beg for the gift? If you really want revival, I believe you would.

Until a situation really seems hopeless we won't cry. We won't employ tears unless it's really desperate. Don't you think it's about time we try tears? We may have had a little too much of the opposite in the Church. Let's try tears.

Maybe we have too much "know how". Now it's time to have the "know Who", the Man of Sorrows. Let's try tears. I tell you, there will be no public reaping without some public weeping. The greatest reapers in this world are the greatest weepers.

Ministry in the last days is worth everything. It will cost everything. Are you willing to pay the price in much tears, in much prayer and supplication? I pray a lot, but I don't supplicate enough. If necessary, I need to supplicate until I suffocate! We need prayer and supplication. We need to pray as Jesus prayed, with strong crying and tears.

Where are the tears today? This is what we ought to ask ourselves. Do we really know the heart of God? "Out of the heart flow the issues of life," Prov. 4:23 says. Not out of strategic meetings, planning committees, building committees, missions committees, not out of little weak prayer meetings, but out of intercession and prayer with travail.

I want my soul to be filled with tears, and rivers of living water to flow out of my innermost being, rivers that will water the seed. The seed of prayer produces little unless it is watered with tears, the water that nurtures it and brings forth a harvest.

So ask God for the gift of tears. Expect it - ask for it and expect it. I think the Lord is saying, "I want My Church to go from feasting and playing to fasting and praying. From laughing to mourning and then from weeping to reaping." From weeping to reaping - can you see where it will end? We must go from laughter to mourning. We have gone all out for hilarity. Now the party's over.

Oh, for prophets like Jeremiah, who cried out for his eyes to be a fountain of tears! Prayer and intercession is our most important work. Let that be locked into your thinking.

Prayer and intercession is the most important work of the Church. The next move of God will not be characterized by people falling on their backs and laughing, although that can be good.

The next move of God will be known for people falling on their faces and weeping, weeping, weeping - all the while God is being magnified as the Church beholds His majesty, beholds His glory and becomes His glory.

Re: "the gift of tears" -paul cain - posted by relewis111 (), on: 2006/1/3 19:36

I wanted to write a book called, "If Tears Had a Voice". At first I thought it was a little weird, when I came back to Christ and His Word I found myself weeping for no apparent reason. I took it to be the recognition of my sinful heart before the love of my Saviour. I began to expect the tears while at the same time fearing for my sanity. For over a year and a half I have wept often, cried and teared up, in church, in prayer and on the bus. I remember the night I was baptised by immersion about five months ago, I woke about one in the morning knowing the Lord wanted my attention. I was at first praying but I soon became overwhelmed and was sobbing so hard I started to choke. I clutched my bible and just rocked back and forth weeping and the only spiritual explanation I can give is that as the Lord draws near, I weep for His love that is like the touch of a Father I have never known on this earth. When I told my pastor about this he immediately labeled it unnecessary prayer, and there is a new found power in my prayer that I hesitate to recognize for fear that my pride would dry up the Spirit.

I can't even teach or preach certain things without getting tears in the back of my throat and I do despair for the dryness of our collective christian hearts. The one thing I wish to teach most fervently is how to cry in the presence of the Lord, hence the book idea. I could go on but I'm behind in my work preparing to teach. I hope someone else out there can relate.

Your brother in His service,
Rich

Re: - posted by habakkuk3 (), on: 2006/1/3 20:14

Thank you Rich,

I can relate to what you've described and praise God that the tears will increase. There's a wonderful sermon entitled "A Call to Anguish" by David Wilkerson that I would suggest you listen to.

Jesus is sharing with you His anguish. What an awesome gift, true tears are. (EDIT: True meaning that they are from God. We can have tears of remorse such as Esau had, but those tears are not from God's heart.)

Re: - posted by relewis111 (), on: 2006/1/3 20:15

Already have, about a year ago.

Re: Tears - posted by GaryE (), on: 2006/1/3 20:35

O Lord, help me to weep for the lost. Please soften my heart to weep and pray for those that don't know you or are going a direction from you. Lord Jesus, that I would have your heart for the city or sheep that don't consider the prophets or your words. How can I say that you are in my heart without this compassion that is in you.

Re: "the gift of tears" -paul cain - posted by HopeinChrist, on: 2006/1/3 20:41

Wow, yes I can relate and thanks for posting this. I weep uncontrollably at times, privately and corporately, especially during prayer and worship, . Sometimes during the middle of work I will just begin to weep for no apparent reason. The pain can seem unbearable at times. This has gone on for years and I thought at one time I must be crazy. During private time with the Lord it was fine but during corporate gatherings it would be embarrassing. It is not so much fun to be weeping when others are rejoicing. I used to worry about what others would think. I imagined they were thinking, "what is wrong with her now?" "She is always crying, what is her problem?" I would even pray that God would help me stop the tears because I thought others must think I was the most depressed person ever. When I prayed this, I was rebuked and I felt him tell me it was a gift. I can't honestly say I felt complete comfort at this revelation but I knew I could not ask Him to take it away any more. I am learning appreciate it more and trying to resist it less.

Hope

Re: "the gift of tears" -paul cain, on: 2006/1/4 7:33

Quote:
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relewis111,

This makes perfect sense to me. Many 'people' - pastors, church members, others - know nothing of the depth of emotional healing which the Lord desires to impart to people.... which, if you did not receive love from your earthly father, He now wishes to fill up appropriately. I believe that what you discern of the reason for these tears, is the explanation the Spirit has brought to your heart from the Lord. Receive it and allow it to work in you. And don't worry about how many months or years they last.... they may come and go less frequently in the future, but, the operation of the Spirit through them, is to make you strong - substantially strong - in your inner being, Eph 3:16.

You may well develop a ministry of intercession as you understand more what God is doing for you, and therefore, can do for others, but, I believe His primary intention is to make you whole.

I say 'people' advisedly, because some believe *only* Christians can be healed..... but if you do a Bible study on it, you'll find Christ and the disciples brought healing to all the 'people' unconditionally.

Hope,

I believe your pain and weeping may have a similar origin and will have a similar conclusion, as you receive your healing.

I cried for years and years and years and years, before I began to interface with the Father for healing - after I'd done the Bible study I mentioned to relewis111, above.

A good bit of the time, I would have to tell Him I didn't know what to ask for, and latterly I left much of it to Him, simply offering Him my permission to take whatever pain, or to touch whatever part (of inner being - also body) which needed to be changed (little by little). The biggest culture shock to a survivor of sexual abuse, was realising that... of course, He understood my physical being, (because He made it :-P) how it had been affected and how to fix it. Once past that mental hurdle, I ended up with no holds barred to Him, and am ***much*** much the better for it.

Re: - posted by GaryE (), on: 2006/1/4 9:55

I heard there were times that George Whitefield would preach during the Great Awakening in England and then America that huge crowds of people would weep. Twice in my life, I have been places where this happened on a smaller scale of less than a hundred people. Both times it was totally unplanned. God just showed up and manifested himself in this way. I don't think the hardest heart could stand to be there without weeping.

Re: "the gift of tears" -paul cain - posted by sj, on: 2006/1/4 10:40

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Re: "the gift of tears" -paul cain, on: 2006/1/4 13:02

You know, when I was reading the initial article, I had some quibbles with the proposed doctrine but, I wasn't sure who'd written it and don't want to be too critical of younger brethren.....

That said, the biggest flaw in the 'truth' proposed is here,

Quote:
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which is completely unscriptural....

1 Cor 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

so thanks, sj, for giving me enough reason to speak up.

Actually, the more I read again, looking for that quote, the more I found that I don't like.

Greg (sermonindex), I should have said all this earlier, perhaps. Maybe on closer inspection, you'll see what I mean.

Quote:
-----There will be no public reaping without some public weeping. The greatest reapers in this world are the greatest weepers.

Is this really true?

Quote:
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Heb 7:24 But this, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. 26 For such a high priest became us, holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

He 'offered' - past tense, but, in the Spirit, He is the eternal sacrifice, the Lamb just slain - Rev 5:6.

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of faith; who for the joy that was set before him **endured the cross, despising the shame**, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

In the days of His earthly ministry, Jesus often had compassion and healed people. This is how I've experienced His mi

nistry in the Spirit on the point of how He feels about the effects of sin in the world; most specifically, He is well-able to minister to our needs. What makes Him **sad** is the people who walk away from the cross, which would be the only way for them to have their sin dealt with, and be welcomed into the Father's presence.

Quote:
-----I know theologians who are as dry as shucks. They never shed a tear no matter how emotional their text or subject. How can you preach the gospel, the death of Christ and all that happened on the cross without tears?

I sense the author is entreating the reader for an emotional response.... I've sat under this kind of ministry and it can be very persuasive, but, is not the gospel good news?

1 Cor 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. 18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Quote:
----- If necessary, I need to supplicate until I suffocate!

I don't like this statement. It's confused and confusing.

There is more, but I'll desist.

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2006/1/4 13:26

Quote:
-----is this the same "prophet" paul cain that is living in homosexuality and drunkenness?
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If so be that it is, is it not the more reason to weep for these days? I think of the Psalmist:

"Thy glory, O Israel, is slain upon thy high places! How are the mighty fallen!"

"Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult."

"Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor uprising of the deep! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty."

"Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions."

"Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you daintily in scarlet, who put ornaments of gold upon your apparel."

"How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon thy high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant have you been to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women."

"How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!" (2 Samuel 1:19-27 RSV)

Re: - posted by brentw (), on: 2006/1/4 14:33

L. Ravenhill always said revival has never come without tears.

Re: - posted by habakkuk3 (), on: 2006/1/4 17:31

Here's an old Keith Green song entitled "My Eyes are Dry" that fits this thread.

My eyes are dry
My faith is old
My heart is hard
My prayers are cold
And I know how I ought to be
Alive to you and dead to me

But what can be done
For an old heart like mine
Soften it up
With oil and wine
The oil is you, your spirit of love
Please wash me anew
With the wine of your blood

EDIT: And yet another Keith Green on the same CD entitled "Asleep in the Light." The Holy Spirit has used this song to repeatedly convict my heart.

Do you see, do you see
All the people sinking down
Don't you care, don't you care
Are you gonna let them drown

How can you be so numb
Not to care if they come
You close your eyes
And pretend the job's done

Oh bless me lord, bless me lord
You know it's all I ever hear
No one aches, no one hurts
No one even sheds one tear

But he cries, he weeps, he bleeds
And he cares for your needs
And you just lay back
And keep soaking it in
Oh can't you see it's such a sin

'Cause he brings people to your door
And you turn them away
As you smile and say
God bless you, be at peace
And all heaven just weeps
'Cause Jesus came to your door
You've left him out on the streets

Open up open up
And give yourself away
You see the need, you hear the cries
So how can you delay

God's calling and you're the one
But like Jonah you run
He's told you to speak
But you keep holding it in
Oh can't you see it's such sin

The world is sleeping in the dark
That the church just can't fight
'Cause it's asleep in the light
How can you be so dead
When you've been so well fed
Jesus rose from the grave
And you, you can't even get out of bed

Oh, Jesus rose from the dead
Come on get out of your bed

How can you be so numb
Not to care if they come
You close your eyes
And pretend the job's done
You close your eyes
And pretend the job's done

Don't close your eyes
Don't pretend the jobs done
Come away, come away, come away with me my love
Come away, come away, come away with me my love

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2006/1/4 18:06

Quote:
-----My eyes are dry
My faith is old
My heart is hard
My prayers are cold
And I know how I ought to be
Alive to you and dead to me

I have found in my life that its at times that God brings us into personal revival we will become utterly real with God and everyone else. Away with the pretense. You just seem to tell it like it is- even if your telling on yourself when your in revival.

Re: "the gift of tears" -paul cain - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/8/4 16:28

Quote:

sermonindex wrote:

" How long has it been since you or I have groaned all night long?

Re: - posted by Tears_of_joy, on: 2007/8/4 16:53

Quote:

-----How long has it been since you or I have groaned all night long?

"God looks upon millions and millions of Christians to find **one** that weeps for souls **apart** from their own soul.

Tell me sir, have you ever wept for anybody else's soul but your own?

Tell me, can the devil take and make a ring around you and can he really do it tonight, a circle around you and say:

'Outside of this circle every prayer, every groan, that came from the heart in prayer to God was not for anyone else but himself! And if he prayed for anybody else, it is just because they affected him immediately and it is the only reason that he prayed for anybody else.

Every tear that ever wept his eyes and he groaned of compassion left his heart was for himself.

Outside of the circle I've never prayed like that for anybody but me. O, God sees tears when you pray and weep for yourself and your own problems, but tell me, since you have been saved from hell and trusted with the Gospel, and enlightened in the knowledge of the Gospel, how many people's blood is in your hand sir? How many did you walk passed you didn't even say a prayer for them, you didn't have compassion, you went to bed without blinking an eye without thinking 'I have done anything wrong' though you could have brought people to Christ....

You never groaned...

-Keith Daniel (quoted from (<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid4227>) My Godly Father ~57min)

Re:, on: 2007/8/4 18:27

awesome!!!

Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2007/8/4 20:12

Quote:

----- is this the same "prophet" Paul Cain that is living in homosexuality and drunkenness?

I wonder if this is perhaps a post from the time before the prophetic movement apostasised.

Leonard Ravenhill preached at the Anaheim convention in 1989 (I think) and brought the congregation to tears of repentance. He made a couple of endorsing references to Mike Bickle and Paul Cain.

Now we have a different picture with the prophetic movement having widely gone astray. The Toronto Blessing had dulled many believers' sense for the Holy Spirit and lulled many a charismatic into a spiritual slumber.

I do find this article very inspiring and true. I am often moved to tears myself, but not so much when I am in intercession but more when I encounter God's mercy.

It is just such a mystery to me how many who were faithful servants of the Lord in times past experienced spiritual and moral shipwreck.

Philip