

**Miracles that follow the plow :: DEPRESSED****DEPRESSED, on: 2014/12/22 2:41**

Pls pray for me, i'm struggling to believe in christ love, not because i don't know it's real but because i've so much abuse his mercies, and every word of love i hear seem to add to my guilt. Today makes it 8days i've been depressed, i believe God has forgiven me, yet i'm troubled because it appears it's now a habit for me to sin and presume on God's mercies. I also fear i'm being set aside and i'm losing hope of being useful to God. Pls pray

Re: DEPRESSED - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/12/22 6:35

Brother,

Flee from whatever sin you are coddling or allowing in your life that is bringing such guilt upon you. Be honest and even confess it to another brother or elder brother in confidence. There is consequence to sins and sin but God can also restore and use you for His kingdom. Please do not give up.

Please read this free pdf ebook:

(Pdf Book) When We have Failed, What Next? by K.P. Yohannan

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=25607>

We all have failed. We cringe at the very thought of it. Under the awful sting of regret and disappointment looms the question: What next? We may feel that we have forfeited God's Plan A for our lives and are now stuck with Plan B. We could not, however, be further from the truth. In When We Have Failed-What Next?, K.P. Yohannan graciously takes us on a journey toward a bright and hopeful future. He again and again depicts God's unfailing love for us and His marvelous ability to bring out His very best for our lives, especially in the midst of our failure. Look up, for the best is truly yet to come.

Re: DEPRESSED - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/12/22 7:23

Quote:

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It is true that God's spirit will not strive with man all the time. But the proof that God has not given up on you is you have Godly Sorrow that leads to repentance without regret. If Repentance is not there then for sure God has given up. As long as you have heart to repent, God is waiting for you.

Even Depression is a sin. We have command in NT to be anxious for nothing, hence to be depressed for our spiritual condition is also a Sin. If it is Godly Sorrow then it will produce a wonderful repentance that will have hate for the sin.

Re: DEPRESSED - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/12/22 8:51

Isaiah 61:3

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, TO GIVE UNTO THEM BEAUTY FOR ASHES, THE OIL OF JOY FOR MOURNING, THE GARMENT OF PRAISE FOR THE SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Brother,

Put on the garment of praise and worship HIM! It truly is that easy, brother. When you put on the garment of praise, the spirit of heaviness cannot wrap itself around you and if & when you feel it trying to come back on you, rise up and put on the garment of praise and worship Him for all He has done! Trust and OBEY the word, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus except to trust and obey!

I'll be praying for you obey and put on the garment of praise.

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God bless you,
Sister Lisa

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/12/22 9:45

Good counsel from the brethren in this thread. Here is a good message to watch also:

When God Asks Too Much by William Carrol
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4HpaQZd-P0>

Re: DEPRESSED - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2014/12/22 10:02

Brother we will pray in agreement with you.

Also, Lee Shipp preached a couple of sermons recently that may be helpful to you, they are titled 'Blessings - Blessed But Depressed' and 'The Blessed Cannot Despair'. A simple Google search should locate them for you.

In Christ,

Thoughts , on: 2014/12/23 15:27

Hello dear brothers and sisters,
Just wanted to put in a few words. I have suffered with depression as most people do at some point in their lives. As a believer I have responded with much of what you all have written above. Sometimes it is related to sin, sometimes to fatigue, sometimes to disappointment or sorrow and our Lord was a man of sorrows acquainted with grief.

We can always fall upon the truth that He is aware of what is going on in our lives and is able to keep us. That seems like a simple answer. But our Lord is able to sustain us in "the best of times and the worst of times", to quote Charles Dickens, a man who also became a believer in Christ.

I believe that Charles Spurgeon and David Brainerd were subject to these bouts of melancholy and yet God used them mightily.

The best solution is to learn as Paul did to know that "none of these things affect me" for even though they are real and painful, they are not "reality" in Christ Jesus our Lord who for the joy set before him endured the cross.

This may take a lifetime to learn or realize but as Art Katz is fond of repeating. Which "reality" do we choose to live in? I don't say it is easy, but with God all things are possible. We overcome by the word of his testimony and the blood of the Lamb.

And I do thank God for this resource, sermonindex.net, to hear men and women of God who have lived in this Reality before us. And to see saints post similar questions and thoughts. What a gift to have this resource, LORD!

Thanks Greg, once again, for keeping it going, by the grace of GOD I know.

Sister Leslie

Re: Thoughts - posted by davym (), on: 2014/12/24 8:49

God bless you Leslie. Lovely post.

David

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Re: DEPRESSED, on: 2014/12/24 9:45

Thanks to all who prayed. Thanks for the book Greg. I wasn't able to watch the video. I'm grateful to God for giving me the grace to trust that I can be forgiven. The hymn "Depth of mercy can there be, mercy still reserved for me" has been most comforting. God knows I'm honestly weary of sin in every form, and if He love me this much to endure my insult, I believe He'll wipe away my shame and I shall sin no more. Pray for me, I'm currently suspended from a leadership office I'm holding. Thanks brethren

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/12/24 11:18

Brother,

I can sympathize with you, because I have been there before.

Brother, I would encourage you to prayerfully read Romans 6,7, and 8. In these chapters you will find everything that you need from the Lord to overcome sin in your life.

Realize that the same devil that tempts you to sin is also the one that condemns you when you do sin.

God loves your brother and He wants to set you free, but it is not in struggling, striving or even setting your will not to sin that will give you the power to overcome sin.

Realize that the Lord Jesus has already died for your sins and you have died with him. Know that you are dead to sin, because the Word declares it, and then when temptation comes, you stand on what the Lord has already done. You reckon or account yourself as being dead to sin but alive unto Christ.

The good news is that sin shall not have dominion over you. That the law of the Spirit of life in Christ has set you free from the law of sin and death. The Holy Spirit will lead you in the way of freedom as you continue in the Word of God. You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

You don't have to sin, but if you do, go immediately to the throne of grace confessing your sin and receiving the cleansing of the blood of Jesus. Refuse to allow the devil to condemn you. The Holy Spirit will convict you of any sin so that you can confess, repent, and remain in fellowship with God.

Jesus Christ is the only one that can deliver you from this body of death. In our flesh dwells no good thing.

Surrender yourself totally to the Lord and stay watchful.

God has total victory for you brother!!

Re: DEPRESSED, on: 2014/12/24 13:10

Dear Brother Lyke,

Last night I was listening to some downloaded messages from SI. I awakened like I was hit with a bolt of lightning to David Wilkerson speaking in a foreign nation. But the message was to all believers in all nations. It is called Purity in a Wicked Generation, I believe.

The fear of the Lord in regards to sin was convicting, and the whole compromise in the churches in regards to preaching only a part of the gospel. Mercy and Grace without Judgment and Wrath...in the New Testament context. This false teaching is causing many many to fall into sin. We know this as those who believe and receive this message from the Bible, from God, and from the plethora of men and women of God we hear on this website, but I don't think I have ever heard it so clearly as in this message.

Listen to this message, it is convicting and yet done in absolute love. It addresses this "recurrent sin" that so many of us deal with and yet get no victory over and then deal with the consequences.

Just wanted to share this with anyone who is still not convinced that the fear of God is a GOOD thing. He loves us so very much and yet the message was, we TEMPT GOD by tolerating sin in our own lives. I was so convicted that I threw out stuff I have been tolerating as harmless. I had let the enemy come in the door!!!! Thank you Jesus for your discipline!

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In the Fear of the Lord as well as His great Mercy,
Sister Leslie

And thank you David for the kind comment. I feel like I'm coming out of a long sleep.

Re: , on: 2014/12/24 14:39

@leslie. A week before the mess, i listened to that message twice, and an audio compilation on the fear of God, ravenhi ll sermon on the judgment seat. I had several clear warning and prophecies to be careful. That very morning i was led to sing "christian seek ye not repose" when i think of all God did to help me, i feel like it was not a mistake but a deliberate rebellion. I just feel i should get my mind of it, thinking of it makes me contemplate leaving everything public ministry, many other thoughts including praying for death has filled my mind, the only thing i feel is helping me is the prayers of saints.

Re: , on: 2014/12/24 17:14

You know. I just want to add what everyone is saying. Not to overwhelm you but help you as well.

Believe. Repent. Remember. These are all great things. Do them.

I'd like to add, serve others. Go volunteer somewhere. Homeless shelter. Orphanage. Etc.

Also, get into physical fellowship with believers. Go out to coffee. Join a small group. Be around a few or a small group of people.

It's difficult to be depressed when you are helping people worse than yourself and when you are getting intimate with people.

P.S. After reading your initial post. I thought of 1 John 3:20

http://biblehub.com/1_john/3-20.htm