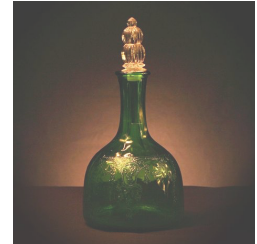


TEARS IN GOD'S BOTTLE

Text: *Psalms 56:8: Thou tellest my wanderings: put Thou my tears into Thy bottle: are they not in Thy book?*

It hardly seems possible that a man of David's stature could have written — much less experienced — such distresses. This prayer was pressed out of his soul by innumerable calamities. The eyes of a dead man haunted him. The cries of a little baby followed him along with the sin of his adultery; plus the first son of his greatest love now steals away the kingdom.



Jesus is acquainted with all our grief. He is aware of our sorrows, and He bottles up our tears.

Revelation 8:4: And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

The Bible tells about a woman taken in adultery. There she is, lying at the feet of Jesus, her face stained with tears. Look at the way this moved Jesus to her defense.



When a person is sorry for his past and mourns over a wasted life, the repentance bemoans the evils of his soul, and cries for help for deliverance out of the terrible prison of sin.

Then God listens, Heaven bows low, and the scepter of pardon is extended from the throne. When our sins rend our hearts, then our crying rends the heart of heavenly compassion, and our tears are caught in God's bottle.

Many have wept over a night of debauchery, sore heads, lost family money, or possessions from wrong doing, but God did not take notice, for these are tears of remorse and not of repentance. Tears of the sick and suffering can only reach God's bottle when we forsake our wicked ways and turn to Him for mercy and pardon.

God understands your miseries. He cares. Jesus feels your deepest need.

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God sees those tears you shed for a wayward son or daughter, that unsaved husband or brother, and those sleepless nights you spent pleading prayers for their deliverance from the devil. Yes, God keeps a record of those prayers and tears.

Did Jesus take note of the tears of Martha and Mary and the Jews? Of course, and the Word of God declares that He wept with them. Did Jesus take note of the tears of the Widow from the city of Nain's? Yes, for He stopped the funeral, raised her son back to life, then gave him back into the arms of that lonely widow.



Luke 7:11-15: [Jesus raising the dead](#)

11 And it came to pass the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and much people.

12 Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

14 And He came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother.

Bereavement stands in many a life here today, and it can push you on into a pit of misery. They run over you like a reckless driver. Troubles have crushed many a strong spirit, and left many a tear-soaked pillow. That young man in the Service, that home wrecked by alcohol — these have left many wrinkled faces and graying heads.

A broken heart the Lord does not despise, for the Bible tells us:

Psalms 51:17: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Psalms 147:3: He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Psalms 34:18: The Lord is nigh [near] unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

No tears, no souls. What demon of Hell has crept into the church and hardened the heart of the Saints? Sadly, Saints that weep over the lost of yesteryears are far gone. God's tear bottle — when filled with tears from Zion travailing — will produce sons and daughters in God's family.

To the soul winner, why are so few lost souls saved?

Psalms 126:6: He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

No tears, no souls. God is touched with tears, for the day comes when He shall wipe all tears away:



Revelation 7:17: For the Lamb which is in the midst of the Throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Revelation: 21:4: And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Are your tears in God's bottle? Have you repented of your sins? Did you cry out to Him for mercy, and have you received Him to be the Redeemer of your soul?

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