

Tears

Introduction

A. Tears of sorrow

Jeremiah 9:1

Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

B. Tears of loneliness

Psalms 42:3

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

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C. God can deliver us from those tears

Psalm 116:8

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

D. There are no tears in eternity

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.

I. Tears of Faith

Mark 9:24

And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

A. For a tremendous need

B. For a tremendous intervention

II. Tears of Devotion

Luke 7:38

And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

A. Demonstrates the preciousness of God

B. Realizes the recognition of God

III. Tears of Service

Acts 20:19

Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

A. That are worth it

B. That shows others your heart

IV. Tears of Sympathy

2 Timothy 1:4

Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

A. Shares the burden

B. Makes longing mutual

V. Tears of Warning

Acts 20:31

Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

A. From experience

B. For encouragement

VI. Tears of Regret

Hebrews 12:17

For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

A. The helplessness

B. The hopelessness

What Are We Shedding Tears For?