OVERCOME THROUGH SURRENDER

TEARS MOVES THE HEART OF GOD



MINISTRY OF TEARS

CHARLES H. SPURGEON TERMED
THE "MINISTRY OF TEARS" AS
"LIQUID PRAYER."



RESPONSE TO SUFFERING

- 1. FIGHT IN THE HOPE OF CHANGE
- 2. WEEP WITH JESUS AT RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER



REVELATION 14:12

HERE IS THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS; HERE ARE THOSE WHO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND THE FAITH OF JESUS.



- THIS LEVEL OF FAITH IS THAT OF "THE CROSS." JESUS SURRENDERED HIS LIFE
- REQUIRES ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S GOODNESS,
 CHARACTER, WORD & BEING
- WILL BE TESTED WITH FIERY TRAILS
- IS GIVEN WHEN TRIBULATION COME
- REQUIRES TO WAIT FOR ANSWERS, EVEN NOT SEEING IT
- CONTINUES TO TRUST & LOVE WHEN THERE'S NO REWARD COMING JOB 13:15 THOUGH HE SLAY ME, YET I WILL TRUST HIM



DIVINE FAITH IS WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE SEASON AHEAD OF US.



DIVINE FAITH REQUIRES

A DEEPER SURRENDER

A DEEPER LIFE OF PRAYER



ONE ASPECT OF A SURRENDERED LIFE IS THE
TEARS WE CRY ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

GOD IS LOOKING FOR
'WEEPING INTERCESSORS' TO ARISE



TEARS IN THE BIBLE

EXODUS – NOT THE TEARS OF COMPLAINT OF ISRAEL LONGING BACK FOR EGYPT!

PSALM 126:5-6 - THEY WHO SOW IN TEARS SHALL REAP IN JOY AND SINGING. HE WHO GOES FORTH BEARING SEED AND WEEPING [AT NEEDING HIS PRECIOUS SUPPLY OF GRAIN FOR SOWING] SHALL DOUBTLESS COME AGAIN WITH REJOICING, BRINGING HIS SHEAVES WITH HIM.

GOD CALLS US TO PRAY WITH TEARS

- PROPHETS SHOULD CALL: "RETURN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH FASTING AND WEEPING AND MOURNING" (JOEL 2:12).
- LEADERS SHOULD RESPOND: "LET THE PRIESTS, WHO MINISTER BEFORE THE LORD, WEEP BETWEEN THE TEMPLE PORCH AND THE ALTAR. LET THEM SAY, 'SPARE YOUR PEOPLE, O LORD'...WHY SHOULD THEY SAY AMONG THE PEOPLES, 'WHERE IS THEIR GOD?'" (JOEL 2:17).
- HEAVEN WILL RECORD: "LIST MY TEARS ON YOUR SCROLL ARE THEY NOT IN YOUR RECORD?" (PSA. 56:8). / YOU NUMBER MY WANDERINGS; PUT MY TEARS INTO YOUR BOTTLE; ARE THEY NOT IN YOUR BOOK? (NKJ)
- EARTH MUST RESPOND TO THE CALL: "THE LORD, THE LORD ALMIGHTY, CALLED YOU ON THAT DAY TO WEEP" (ISA. 22:12).

THE TRINITY AND PRAYER

- TO PRAY WITH TEARS IS TO MAKE AN ETERNAL INVESTMENT...
- TEARS ARE PRECIOUS WHEN...
- TEARS ARE NOT TO BE SELF-PITY....
- TEARS ARE NOT BE ASHAMED OF...
- TEARS IS A LANGUAGE ON ITS OWN...

WHEN IT IS A TIME AND SEASON TO WEEP....

- 1. ...BECAUSE HUMANITY HAS FORSAKEN GOD! PS.9:17, ROM 1:28, ROM 2:4-5, REV. 16:21
- 2. ... WEEP BECAUSE SIN IS MULTIPLYING! 2 TIM 3:1-5,13
- 3. ...BECAUSE AS A CHURCH WE ARE TOO LIFELESS AND POWERLESS! REV 3:17
- 4. ...BECAUSE WE AS GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SPIRITUALLY ASLEEP. ROM 13:11-12, PROV 10:5
- 5. ...BECAUSE CHRIST'S COMING IS SO NEAR AND OUR TASK SO INCOMPLETE! MAT 24:14

WEEPING PROPHETS OF THE BIBLE

- 1. **JOB –** JOB 30:25
- 2. **EZRA** EZRA 10:1
- 3. **NEHEMIAH** NEH 1:4
- 4. **JEREMIAH** JER 8:21, 9:1, 13:17, 14:17, LAM 2:11
- 5. **PAUL** ACTS 20:18-20, 20:31
- 6. **HANNAH** 1 SAM 1:7, 10-15
- 7. **HEZEKIAH -** 2 KING 20:1-6
- 8. **JOSIAH -** 2 KING 22:19
- 9. MARY OF BETHANY LUKE 7:37-48
- 10. MODERN DAY LOVERS OF GOD WILL YOU BE ONE? IHOPKC

WEEPING PROPHETS OF THE BIBLE

- 1. TEARS OF SORROW: HAGAR IN THE DESERT: GENESIS 21:14-16
 - 2. TEARS OF JOY: ESAU AND JACOB: GENESIS 33:1-4
 - 3. TEARS OF COMPASSION: THOSE WITHOUT A SHEPHERD / PRODIGAL SONS JOHN 11:35-36 LUKE 15:20
 - 4. TEARS OF DESPERATION: FOR A NATION TO BE WIPED OUT: ESTHER 4:1-3
 - 5. TEARS OF TRAVAIL: THE BRUISED/WEAK: ISAIAH 42:14
 - 6. TEARS OF DEVOTION: CHURCH/BRIDE: LUKE 7:38 JOEL 2:12
 - 7. TEARS OF RECONCILIATION: FAMILIES/RELATIONSHIPS GENESIS 45:1-5
 - 8. TEARS FOR REVIVAL: CONSECRATION OF A NATION JOEL 2:15-17
 - 9. TEARS OF REPENTANCE: HEZEKIAH'S OWN LIFE II KINGS 20:45



What are
your
prayer
tears for?

CHARACTERISTICS OF A SURRENDERED LIFE

MAT 11:6 AND BLESSED IS HE WHO IS NOT OFFENDED BECAUSE OF ME."

MAT 5:3 **BLESSED** (HAPPY, TO BE ENVIED, AND SPIRITUALLY PROSPEROUS--WITH LIFE-JOY AND SATISFACTION IN GOD'S FAVOR AND SALVATION, REGARDLESS OF YOUR OUTWARD CONDITIONS) ARE THE **POOR IN SPIRIT** (THE HUMBLE, WHO RATE THEMSELVES INSIGNIFICANT), FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!

MAT 5:4 BLESSED AND ENVIABLY HAPPY [WITH A HAPPINESS PRODUCED BY THE EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S FAVOR AND ESPECIALLY CONDITIONED BY THE REVELATION OF HIS MATCHLESS GRACE] ARE **THOSE WHO MOURN**, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED!

MAT 5:5 BLESSED (HAPPY, BLITHESOME, JOYOUS, SPIRITUALLY PROSPEROUS--WITH LIFE-JOY AND SATISFACTION IN GOD'S FAVOR AND SALVATION, REGARDLESS OF THEIR OUTWARD CONDITIONS) **ARE THE MEEK** (THE MILD, PATIENT, LONG-SUFFERING), FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH!

CHARACTERISTICS OF A SURRENDERED LIFE

MAT 5:6 BLESSED AND FORTUNATE AND HAPPY AND SPIRITUALLY PROSPEROUS (IN THAT STATE IN WHICH THE BORN-AGAIN CHILD OF GOD ENJOYS HIS FAVOR AND SALVATION) ARE **THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS** (UPRIGHTNESS AND RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD), FOR THEY SHALL BE COMPLETELY SATISFIED!

MAT 5:7 BLESSED (HAPPY, TO BE ENVIED, AND SPIRITUALLY PROSPEROUS--WITH LIFE-JOY AND SATISFACTION IN GOD'S FAVOR AND SALVATION, REGARDLESS OF THEIR OUTWARD CONDITIONS) ARE **THE MERCIFUL**, FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY!

MAT 5:8 BLESSED (HAPPY, ENVIABLY FORTUNATE, AND SPIRITUALLY PROSPEROUS--POSSESSING THE HAPPINESS PRODUCED BY THE EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S FAVOR AND ESPECIALLY CONDITIONED BY THE REVELATION OF HIS GRACE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR OUTWARD CONDITIONS) ARE **THE PURE IN HEART**, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A SURRENDERED LIFE

MAT 5:9 BLESSED (ENJOYING ENVIABLE HAPPINESS, SPIRITUALLY PROSPEROUS--WITH LIFE-JOY AND SATISFACTION IN GOD'S FAVOR AND SALVATION, REGARDLESS OF THEIR OUTWARD CONDITIONS) ARE THE **MAKERS AND MAINTAINERS OF PEACE**, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE SONS OF GOD!

MAT 5:10 BLESSED AND HAPPY AND ENVIABLY FORTUNATE AND SPIRITUALLY PROSPEROUS (IN THE STATE IN WHICH THE BORN-AGAIN CHILD OF GOD ENJOYS AND FINDS SATISFACTION IN GOD'S FAVOR AND SALVATION, REGARDLESS OF HIS OUTWARD CONDITIONS) ARE **THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS'**SAKE (FOR BEING AND DOING RIGHT), FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!

MAT 5:11 BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE REVILE YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU AND SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL THINGS AGAINST YOU FALSELY ON MY ACCOUNT. MAT 5:12 BE GLAD AND SUPREMELY JOYFUL, FOR YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN IS GREAT (STRONG AND INTENSE), FOR IN THIS SAME WAY PEOPLE PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU. [II CHRON. 36:16.]



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