

The Vincennes Voice

"...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight..." (Matt. 3:3)

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WEEPING WITH THOSE WHO WEEP

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Paul commanded we should *"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep"* (Rom. 12:15). Similarly, he wrote to the Corinthians, *"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it"* (I Cor. 12:26). More often, we weep for others, but there are cases for when weeping over self is called. Notice these Bible occasions of weeping.

1) Abraham Wept For Sarah. *"And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah. And Sarah died in Kirjatharba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her"* (Gen. 23:1-2). This may be the most notable reason for weeping, the death of a loved one. In such cases, it is called for, and should be reason for others to weep alongside. Recall, even *"Jesus wept"* when His good friend Lazarus passed from life (Jn. 11:35).

2) Esau Wept For Himself. Moses authored, *"And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept"* (Gen. 27:38). Very often, we are the source for our own suffering and weeping, as was the case for Esau. This is one, great reason to *"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves"* (II Cor. 13:5). Recollect, after Peter had denied the Lord a third time, the Bible records, *"And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly"* (Matt. 26:75). This is a required attitude which precedes forgiveness and comfort. As the Lord said, *"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted"* (Matt. 5:4).

3) Jacob and Esau Wept For Each Other. For many years, there was animosity and loathing

between these twins. Once put aside, the Bible chronicles, *"And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept"* (Gen. 33:4). This was an occasion for "happy" weeping. With regard to the reunion of Joseph and his brother the meek man wrote, *"Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard"* (Gen. 45:1-2). So many let past insults and difficulties stand in the way of forgiveness and joyous reunions. Let this not be so of us, at any time!

4) Jesus Wept For Jerusalem. When near Jerusalem, He *"beheld the city, and wept over it"* (Lk. 19:41). This was so because they were scattered and unfaithful. When others are living sinfully and without care or concern for soul, it is a time for weeping.

THE NEW TESTAMENT BORROWING FROM THE OLD

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It is often said, “It would be very difficult to understand the New Testament without the Old.” This is very true, as there are over 280 Old Testament quotations or allusions found in the New Testament. It should prove helpful to have a few of these congregated together in one place for study and examination.

(1) *“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us”* (Matt. 1:23; Isa. 7:14).

(2) *“And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel”* (Matt. 2:6; Mic. 5:2).

(3) *“And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son”* (Matt. 2:15; Hos. 11:1).

(4) *“In Rama there was a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not”* (Matt. 2:18; Jer. 31:15).

(5) *“He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me”* (Mk. 7:6; Isa. 29:13).

(7) *“For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end”* (Lk. 22:37; Isa. 53:12).

(8) *“They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did”* (Jn. 19:24; Psa. 22:18).

(9) *“And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will”* (Acts 13:22; Psa. 89:20; I Sam. 13:14).

(10) *“Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered”* (Rom. 4:7; Psa. 32:1-2).

(11) *“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him”* (I Cor. 2:9; Isa. 64:4).

(12) *“Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee”* (Heb. 2:12; Psa. 22:22).

(13) *“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble”* (Jam. 4:6; Prov. 3:34).

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