

## **Weeping in Prayer**

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### **WEEPING IN PRAYER**

#### **Scriptures:**

Judges 1:5; Psalms 51; Psalms 84:5-7; Hosea 14:2; Luke 22:39; John 22:39-46; Galatians 5:23; Hebrews 5:7-9; 1 John 5:14

- 1. Why weep in prayer? What is the benefit; meaning of it,**
- 2. How do we weep in prayer?**
- 3. How /when should we weep in prayer?**
- 4. The cause/right or wrong/reason/motive for it?**

Weeping in prayer is in vain if it is not according to the will of God. He will not bend His ear to attend to your weeping in prayer if not done in accordance with His will. (1 John 5:14).

Pouring your soul out, but not unto the Lord, is a danger. You could be communicating with some other spirit; evil spirits can lead and seduce you. Psychologist may say, “throw yourself into a state of ??\_”

From our perspective (a spiritual one), evil spirits need a cover for their work. There is a human side and a spiritual side. Emotions (utilized in prayer) come from the soul. Anger, more than what is reasonable, can become fits of rage if uncontrolled.

In our spiritual realm the main attribute of a child of God is temperance – self-control (Galatians 5:23).

There may be an existing, long standing, physical condition in your life (perhaps an illness) which may cause excessive crying in prayer over an extended period of time. This situation of excessive crying in prayer needs close examination.

In the emotional realm Satan comes to kill, steal and to destroy. Another emotional concern such as being in love, needs to be prayed about. Exercise temperance.

Morals – by definition, is of or relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior, expression of teaching right or wrong which becomes our views and values. This helps with our self-control or our temperance. We find this in the word of God which Paul writes in Galatians 5:23.

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This information is not to condemn anyone but to provide help with our praying. God examines our tears and sees what is in our hearts. Knowing this should inspire our prayer life. When you pray, you are doing so before the Lord. God sees.

Judges were in the place of the prophets. Judges 2:1-5- “Now after the death of Joshua” (Joshua totally followed the Lord and was full of the Spirit). Before Pentecost people were full of the Spirit. Because he was full of the Spirit and totally followed the Lord, Joshua saw God.

Israel was supposed to have driven out the enemy in the land that God had promised them – but did not. Over time, the Israelites began to take on the gods/ways of the people they should have driven out. That is why we are instructed in 2 Corinthians 6:17: “Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you.”

Other nations abdicate total dedication to their god, i.e., Allah, Buddha, etc. Any association that comes between you and your God is not good. All gods demand total devotion. But when it comes to the true and living God, we in Christendom say or feel that *OUR* God is asking too much of us.

Judges 1:19 – This is a failure. They were allowed to stay in Israel’s territory. This chapter is about Israel’s failures.

Judges 2:1 -. This angel is God because of what He says in this scripture. We have to be careful of the things that will turn your heart away from God. Those things will become a snare and a thorn (verse 3).

After God has called and chosen us we are special in the sight of God. God has put a lot of time into us when we have been chosen, i.e., the cross, the blood and translating us from one kingdom into another. He puts forth an effort to save us. Snares and thorns are efforts to save us as He did Israel in Judges 2:3-5. “God’s purpose was to test Israel by her enemies”.

When our relationship with God becomes tenuous – weak – we place blame on God and the church but when we were in prayer we were WEEPING. (Judges 2: 4)

Stop being angry with the church which represents God.

After God spake these words in Verses 1-3 Israel began to weep in Verse 4. Psalms 84 demonstrates how we should weep before the Lord in prayer. Israel did this when God told them He was no longer going to be with them. Baca is also called Bochim.

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When you're in prayer, weep before the Lord as when Israel wept in Judges 2:2. This is how you go from strength to strength in crying or weeping in prayer. The devil prevents you from weeping in prayer because this prevents you from going from strength to strength. (giving you power against the devil). This is one reason why we do not have power and an anointing.

Evil spirits are there when you pray to prevent you from weeping in prayer. The devil says to you in your secret thought life (you don't have to pray like that). Further, he will tell you that you do not have to pray about everything. The devil presents a battle. Weeping in prayer brings an anointing.

Hebrews 5:5-9 – When Jesus was mortal He prayed (like Israel in Bochim). Luke 22:39 – The satanic powers wanted Jesus to die in the garden, not on the cross. The evil forces sought to kill Him before He reached the cross to obtain the goal. The way He was praying is how we should pray (not the cup of the cross) but in struggle and conflict. See reference "t", Lk 22:39.

This agony in the garden was taking place in prayer. Jesus was in struggle in prayer.

Luke 22:44 – This struggle was so Satan would not kill Him there before He could die on the cross. Jesus is our example in prayer.

Struggle – against things coming into our minds:

### **FLOATING, PUFFY TISSUES OF THOUGHT!!**

These thoughts come to you in prayer that need to be rebuked.

In the Spiritual Man book it speaks of how the mind should aid the Spirit in prayer. This is demonstrated more clearly when Satan tries to prevent us from prayer by utilizing his various wiles. We have to use scriptures (Psalms 51) Open your bible, rebuke Satan because this is satanic. When you do this the mind begins to aid the Spirit in prayer.

Having success depends largely upon what the mind was on before you entered into prayer. Before coming to prayer (as on Tuesday night) watch what suggestions come to you before leaving your home. Do you have regret? Sometimes before the evening service – for instance – in the daytime hours.

You can tell the strength of your spirit by how much effort Satan uses against you about prayer. Whether or not he has to implore you not to pray. Fasting and reading your bible is the same.

Satan knows where your strength lies (Samson and Delilah)

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Satan knows if fasting or bible reading is strength for you. The evil powers of darkness will fight you in these things. The devil “throws a rock and hides his hand”. After the deception, he will taunt you with, “look at you, you did not read your bible, or you did not pray or fast”.

We don't want the Lord to say to us what He said to Israel in Judges 2:1-3. Some that are weak are lead around by the devil who tells them when to come and go.

Because all of this is in the spiritual realm the Holy Spirit also comes softly and gently to lead and to guide us. Test through the Word of God who is leading and guiding you.

**Prayer makes you stronger. Read Psalms 84. The devil will always fight you in prayer.**