

## Take both sorrow and sin to the same place!

By Charles H. Spurgeon

*"Look on my affliction and my pain—and forgive all my sins."* Psalm 25:18

It is good for us when prayers about our sorrows, are linked with pleas concerning our sins—when, being under God's hand, we are not wholly taken up with our pain, but remember our offenses against God.

It is good to take both sorrow and sin to the same place. It was to God, that David carried his sorrow—and it was to God, that David confessed his sin.

Even your little sorrows you may turn over to God—for He counts the hairs of your head!  
And your great sorrows you may commit to Him—for He holds the ocean in the hollow of His hand!

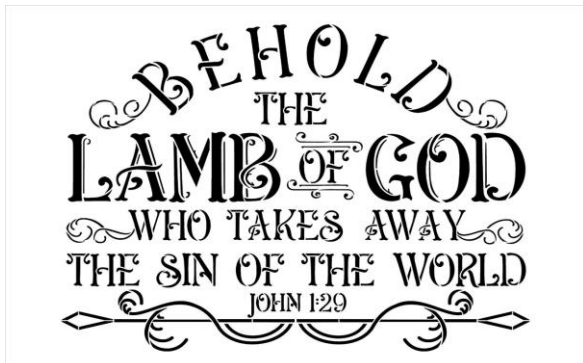
Go to Him, whatever your present trouble, and you will find Him both able and willing to relieve you.

But we must take our sins to God, too. We must carry them to the cross—that the blood may fall upon them, to purge away their guilt.

We are to go to the Lord with our sorrows and with our sins, in the right spirit: *"Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins."* Psalm 25:18

David cries, "Lord, as for my affliction and my pain, I will not dictate to Your wisdom. I will leave them to You; I would be glad if my pain were removed, but do as You will. As for my sins, Lord, I must have them forgiven—I cannot endure to lie under their curse for a moment."

A Christian counts sorrow lighter in the scale, than sin. He can bear that his troubles should continue—but he cannot support the burden of his transgressions.



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## **"Our Prayer List"**

*"Pray without ceasing."* 1 Thess. 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirley King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders.

## **"Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works"**

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* Acts 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

## **"A Message from Pastor Johnson"**

*"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof..." 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:2*

*"Do you desire to be a servant of God?"*

*"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8*

Have you ever asked God to use you, if not why not? As a Pastor and a Minister of God I did not ask God for the service He has chosen for me. God chose me, because serving God is not a choice but rather an appointment. While this verse is in the form of a question it is not a question because God does not make request, serving God is not an option it is a command. What sort of God, Master, omnipotent God would our God be if He had to make request. God does not ask, plead, or beg people to come to Christ as so many claims, oh no, God draws them. John 6:44 *"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."* God did not ask Isaiah to volunteer but rather God ordained it of him, gave him the willingness and when the Lord asked God drew him into accepting. Our Sovereign God would never leave the accomplishment of His work in the hands of people, He ordains and administrates every step. *"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all."* 1 Corinthians 12:4 – 6 The word "administrations" means – the spiritual services of a believer. Therefore, we see Isaiah quickly jump at the opportunity to serve God as all of his servants are. Therefore Isaiah responded, with no hesitation "Here am I". Why are people not falling on their knees to ask God for service appointments? Why are Christians with great voices not serving God in music, why are men with great scriptural knowledge not serving as ministers or teachers, why not? Because God has not called them, God has not chosen them to His service. Isaiah did not say, Lord I am busy. Or Lord I cannot do the work, or Lord I am bashful or shy, he did not even say why me Lord, oh no, not at all, he simply asked God *"Here am I; send me."*

I remember seeing the Prophet Jeramiah ask God, *"behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child."* And then God's response to him was, *"Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak."* Jeramiah was not refusing, he was not rejecting God's will, he just could not believe with his age and experience that God would use him.

## **Pastor Johnson, Continued**

However, doing God's will is not about us, it is about how God elects to use us, God will take care of everything, we just need to enjoy the blessings in serving God. So, as God told the Prophet Jeramiah, *"Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD."* The blessing of all blessings of God is to be used of Him in His service. None of us are ready, none are prepared, we are all meek and lowly, but God has made us what we are by His grace. As the Apostle Paul wrote, *"For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed."* 1 Corinthians 15:9 - 11 Do you desire to be a servant of God, do not be afraid, shy, or never say *"I cannot do it"* because we are all in God's gracious hand.

## **Church Information and Happenings.**

We are looking forward to our upcoming Bible Conference here in Texarkana on September 13 – 14. Please make plans to join us, details coming soon.

### **1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

*"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*