

The Weeping of the Holy Spirit/Prophetic Intercession

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Dear Friends,

I can't seem to "shake" the sensing that something is "up." - And I've learned that when I feel this way, it is often a call to prayer in a more serious manner. So, in that, I felt to re-send the following article re: "The Weeping of the Holy Spirit." I believe the Lord is giving many a "heads up" call to prophetic intercession to thwart or lessen some type of (not good) event in these times. This article is simply a way in which we can recognize and work with the Holy Spirit when this happens. I pray it helps and blesses you.

THE WEEPING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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The weeping of the Holy Spirit? Recently many have told me that this is happening to them and contacted me to pray for them because it scared them. I have been experiencing it too...which, over the years, I've learned usually happens with me from the Lord as a call to pray, and it is called, "the weeping of the Holy Spirit" or "prophetic intercession."

You may feel like crying, and tried to brush it off because you thought it was "depression from the enemy" or "the blues" creeping in, or that you were "losing it." - MANY people go through this and take it unto themselves. Along with it, some have even had thoughts like, "There is no hope!" Or "I'm not doing anything worthwhile in life" - or even thoughts of death. You are not feeling this for yourself. You are standing in the gap. - Much of it may be for the current situation in Israel, or for the victims of coming storms similar to Katrina, tsunamis, earthquakes, wars, or other catastrophes and items of intercession - whether personal, national, or Corporate Body of Christ issues.

Do NOT ignore this, nor think that you are "losing it" or that it is just the "blues." - And do NOT allow the enemy to turn it inward or into depression. This "ominous feeling" or "weeping" sensation that is coming from our inner-most beings is the Weeping of the Holy Spirit - Prophetic Intercession. It isn't depression, hormones, or insanity, so cast down those imaginations!

We must not let the enemy defile it by calling it "depression," or by any other name. We also must not defile it ourselves by "turning it off" or turning it inward. To do so would be to harden our hearts to what the Spirit is saying, which would deeply grieve Him, as well as reverse its intended use and bear no fruit.

Remember! "He has NOT given us a spirit of fear! - But of POWER, and of LOVE, and of a SOUND MIND!" (2 Tim. 1:7)

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SO, WHAT IS THIS WEeping SAYING TO US?

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"Oh my soul, my soul! I am pained in my very heart! My heart makes a noise in me, that I cannot hold my peace, because you have heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war." (Jer. 4:19)

The enemy of our souls is out to kill, steal and destroy, but the Holy Spirit within us wants to use us to properly do battle against the enemy. However, we must remember, "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty THROUGH GOD for pulling down of strongholds." (2 Cor. 10:4)

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SO WHAT DO WE DO WITH THIS WEeping?

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Let us not be ashamed of the weeping that He desires to do in and through us! Let's allow the Holy Spirit the "right of way" to take it over and to direct it. - Let's turn TO it and not from it.

"Today if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." (Heb. 3:7)

We need to ALLOW the Holy Spirit to cry and to pray through us when this unction comes upon us and to NOT "shut it down." Additionally, don't worry about the "words" you will pray. - God has given us a "G-force" (GOD force) weapon called "praying in the Spirit" through which we have the ability to pray in the Spirit what the mind of the Spirit wants to have prayed, and to pray through to victory.

Romans 8:26 & 27 says:

(26) "the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

(27) "Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

As we allow the weeping unction of the Holy Spirit to cry out to Him within and through us, we will be praying (1) past our own weaknesses (personal opinion, judgement, etc.) for the root issues we do not have any personal knowledge about, and are able to pray in the will of God for situations, (2) for the things for which the Spirit within us is weeping; (2) in the way the Lord wants it prayed about; and (3) in the will of the Lord for the outcome. - And when we do that, we know that He hears us:

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. (1 John 5:14)

And if He hears us, we have what we asked for:

"And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.: (1 John 5:15)

And that's why Rom. 8:28 tells us: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

Rom. 8:28 is one of those scriptures people like to quote - but it is the direct result of praying in the Spirit, as described in Rom. 8:26-27!

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ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

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When we pray in the Spirit, Jude 1:20-23 tells us that we:

- (1) build ourselves up in faith on the inside (v. 20)
- (2) keep ourselves in the love of God (v. 21)
- (3) help ourselves to look for mercy (instead of criticism and judgement) (v. 22)
- (4) walk in compassion (v. 22)
- (5) have discernment (v. 22)
- (6) have the fear of the Lord (v. 23)
- (7) save others from destruction (v. 23)
- (8) have successful evangelism (v. 23)
- (8) hate defilement/desire holiness (v. 23)

(20) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, (21) keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. (22) And on some have compassion, making a distinction; (23) but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh." (Jude 20-23)

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LET THE READER UNDERSTAND...

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In other words, when those tears and/or deep groanings come, LET them! Grab your Kleenex and "go with it"! Don't stop it! ~ Be led by the Holy Spirit.

Let me bring balance to this and say - please understand that, even if you don't have your prayer language, you are still His Sheep and you can still hear and obey the voice of the Lord and be directed to pray according to the will of God. ~ In whatever way He desires for you to pray! ~ And still "pray it through!" - In other words, until you have a "release" or a sensing of peace that it has been "taken care of."

However, one of the benefits of "praying in the Spirit" is that it is a language that the devil and his demons cannot understand. Therefore, they cannot thwart or "mess up" the outcome!

When praying in the Spirit, you don't need to be concerned about "words"!! ~ It may be that you will experience tears and/or groanings alone! ~ And we don't need to be embarrassed by tears (ours or others') if they begin to flow! We just need to "let go and let God"! ~ Certainly we are NOT to "fake it" or get loud to get attention! ~ It may well - and most likely will - occur when we are all alone!! Then, as we pray in secret, He will reward us openly, in the natural. (Matt. 6:6)

We don't need to be afraid to allow the Holy Spirit total access to and through us, to be led by Him, for His purposes to be accomplished when and how He causes that unction to come. It is a time to let the "rain" of the Holy Spirit "reign!" ~ To let Him cry out through us for souls and for mercy!

Especially in this time when so many have serious needs, let us heed the voice of the Spirit to "pray it through."

Rev. 2:11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches..."

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