

Scripture: Deut. 5:1-21 and Luke 23:13-31

Singing: 426:1-3 – 217:1-2 – 206:1-5 – 222:4-5 – 289:2-3 – 425:5, 6

JESUS' LAST SERMON BEFORE THE CROSS

I. Do not weep for the Sinless One II. Weep for the sinful ones

I. Jesus calls us not to weep for Him, the Sinless One

A. The scenes of Jesus' sufferings are horrific and barbaric

1. His crime was *being godly*

2. The women's sympathy was heart-warming

B. Yet Jesus rejected these women's tears (vs. 28): Why?

1. Because these *tears are a temptation* for Christ

2. Because these tears are *misplaced*

3. Because these *add to His suffering*

C. Point for examining

1. Do not make too much when *you tear up hearing about Christ's suffering*

2. Are we shedding the tears Jesus valued like in Luke 7:38?

II. Weep for the sinful ones like yourselves and your children

A. Jesus commands these mothers to weep!

1. Picture Him facing His cross: *yet He looked beyond that! (29-31)*

2. Taste in these words of a tortured Jesus *His love – compassion!*

3. Sensing the near reality Jesus prophesied three startling truths

a. the reversed curse of vs. 29

b. the preferred fearful of vs. 30

c. the somber warning of vs. 31

B. Jesus' charge to us as parents is to weep!

1. Be mindful: He is not speaking here to **heathen** parents/children!

2. Be awakened: *we have every reason to weep!*

a. we and our children are *born under the curse* (Eph. 2:1-3)

b. None knew this reality better than Jesus Himself (Luke 22:39-46)

c. With His call to weep, Jesus calls attention to a *basic truth: our privileged position does not change our spiritual condition!*

Two Closing Applications

A. Are we weeping about ourselves and our children?

B. Is weeping enough saving? Will tears wash away sins or lessen guilt?

O my sad conscience! O my heart!
How do their workings clash!
One hour I am pained – from sin I smart;
The next I am bold and rash.

How can I give up sin so sweet?
I know not what to do.
Death may be near, and I am not fit
To stay, nor yet to go.

Jesus, Thy love is to me unknown,
But I have heard Thy Name;
O heal, and now look down,
And ease me of my pain.

O come to this poor heart that aches,
And Thy great salvation brings.
Then I shall my sin forsake,
And of Thy mercy sing.

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