

“Good Grief” (2)

“I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.” (Psalm 38:18)

Godly Grief

2 Corinthians 7:8-11 – ⁸“For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. ⁹As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. ¹⁰For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. ¹¹For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.”

Reproof Proof?

Hebrews 12:5-6 – ⁵“And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.’” (NKJV)

Hosea 4:16-17 – ¹⁶“Like a stubborn heifer, Israel is stubborn; can the LORD now feed them like a lamb in a broad pasture? ¹⁷Ephraim is joined to idols; leave him alone.”

Delight After Discipline

Psalms 119:65-72, 75 – ⁶⁵“You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word. ⁶⁶Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. ⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. ⁶⁸You are good and do good; teach me your statutes. ⁶⁹The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts; ⁷⁰their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law. ⁷¹It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes. ⁷²The law of your mouth

is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. ⁷⁵I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.”

In Case We Grow Weary, Consider Jesus

Hebrews 12:3-4 – ³“Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.”

The Entrance Of Repentance

Luke 24:47 – “...That repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

Acts 2:38 – “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 3:19-20 – ¹⁹“Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,”