

When God Cried

Genesis 6:5-12

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- John 1:1-5,14 – "... the Word was God"
- John 10:30 – "I and the Father are one"
- Colossians 1:15 – "He is the image of the invisible God"
- Jesus, therefore, is rightly called "God"

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- John 11:33-36 – "Jesus wept."
 - This verse uses *δακρύω*, to "shed tears", a silent weeping
- Luke 19:41-44 – "he wept over it"
 - This verse uses *κλαίω*, "To weep, wail, lament, implying not only the shedding of tears, but also every external expression of grief." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament)
- Hebrews 5:7 – "with loud cries and tears"

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- "A distinction must be drawn between *δακρύω* and *κλαίω*. Unfortunately, *δακρύω* is translated 'wept' in John 11:35, whereas it should be translated, 'He shed a tear' or 'tears.' The verb 'weep' as a loud expression of grief is *κλαίω*, and is man's reaction toward death." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament)

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Why did He cry on this occasion (John 11)? Three reasons may be seen:

1. Because of their pretense – pretending to believe, love, and honor Him
 - cf. John 11:36-38 – "Could not he ..."
 - I Samuel 16:7 – "... the Lord looks on the heart"
 - John 2:25 – "... knew what was in man"
 - Hebrews 4:13 – "no creature is hidden from his sight"

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1. Because of their pretense – pretending to believe, love, and honor Him
 - So many today give Him shallow praise
 - Luke 6:46 – "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord'?"
 - Mark 8:34-38 – "For whoever is ashamed of me ..."
 - Those who are pretenders are crucifying the Son of God
 - Hebrews 6:4-6 – "... they are crucifying once again the Son of God"

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2. Because they were blind

- cf. Matthew 15:14 – “they are blind guides”
- John 5:36-47 – “for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life”

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2. Because they were blind

- It was hidden from them
 - II Corinthians 4:3-6 – “the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers”
- Matthew 13:13-17 – “... their eyes they have closed”
- Ephesians 5:13-17 – “Look carefully then how you walk”
- II Corinthians 6:1-2 – “now is the day of salvation.”

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3. He knew their judgement was coming

- Amos 6:1-3 – “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion”
- Ecclesiastes 8:11 – “... it will not be well with the wicked”
- We will meet Him in judgment; will it be as a friend or as an enemy?
 - Matthew 13:41-42 – “... there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth”
 - John 15:14-15 – “You are My friends if you do what I command you.”

God the son did cry

■ He cried for the lost

- Do the lost hear him?
- What about you? Are you lost in sin?
- We must hear the crying of God, lamenting our sins

God cared enough for you to give the best that heaven had to offer, that you could have the forgiveness of your sins

Obeying The Gospel

Hear the Word of God

- James 1:21 – “... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

- I John 3:23-24 – “... that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ ...”

Repent of your sins

- Acts 3:19 – “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”

Obeying The Gospel

Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- Romans 10:9-10 – “... with the mouth one confesses and is saved”

Be immersed in water

- Acts 2:38 – “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ ...”

Remain faithful

- I Corinthians 15:1-2 – “if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain”