

"And Eli said unto her, 'How long wilt thou be drunken? Put away thy wine from thee.' And Hannah answered and said, 'No, my lord, I am a woman Of A Sorrowful Spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.' Then Eli answered and said, 'Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of Him.' **1 Samuel 1:14-17 KJV**

Nothing is more personal than sorrow! It is where the whole world fades into the intense anguish of soul that consumes even your very breath! Unable to even utter sound in those depths! Our Blessed Saviour, Jesus, Has "in all points" been tempted and tried "like as we," and there is no sorrow with which He Is Not Well Acquainted! He Was tortured, alone, misunderstood, reviled, spit upon, hated, and forsaken by His Father in the moment of greatest need. He Even Knows the weight and guilt of sin, because, though sinless, He bore the sin of all mankind on His High Priestly Shoulders As He Hung And Died for us! He lost loved ones to death's sickle. It is recorded at Lazarus' passing, "When Jesus Therefore Saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, He Groaned in the Spirit, and Was Troubled, And Said, 'Where have ye laid him?' They said unto Him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus Wept." Jesus Is not only sympathetic, but Is Able to Comfort And Deliver us from even the very clutches of death! His friend Lazarus' and His Own Triumphant Resurrection Are Proof! There is no depth He Has Not Sounded, no height He Cannot Attain. There is no heart so broken He Cannot Heal. "Thou Knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou Understandest my thought afar off. Thou Compassest my path and my lying down, and Art Acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, Thou Knowest it altogether!" There is no penitent sinner Jesus Will Not Receive. There is no depth or height that can separate the faithful from His Love! "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, Which Is In Christ Jesus our Lord." There is no loss He Cannot Restore. "Therefore also now,' Saith the LORD, 'turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And I Will Restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten!" There is no safer place than the "Shadow of the Almighty." There is "Joy Unspeakable" in His Presence. There are no softer whispers or louder thunders than the Voice of God. There is no humble prayer unheard or curse unpunished. There is no sparrow unnoticed or king too proud. There will be no unrevealed secrets! He Numbers every man's hairs and stores every tear of His own Children. He Is Preparing A Place And A City without equal for His Beloved!

When grief and sorrow's depths unfold,  
To take your breath with grip untold,  
Repair to Christ whose Life was sold,  
To bring lost lambs into the Fold. —CGP

"One glimpse of His Dear Face, all sorrow Will Erase! It will be worth it all, when we see Christ!"

"And they shall see His Face; And His Name Shall Be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God Giveth them Light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." **Revelation 22:4-5 KJV**

