

*"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 rend your heart, and not your garments, and **Turn Unto The LORD Your God:** for He Is Gracious And Merciful, Slow To Anger, And Of Great Kindness, and repenteth Him of (will turn away from) the evil." Joel 2:12-13 KJV*



When our heart is broken, we often become angry. When we become angry, we will do many physical things that project these feelings. Women often cry and men will often do something destructive. In ancient times men would tear their clothes or sit in ashes dressed in sackcloth while throwing dirt on their heads. God is not interested in outward demonstrations, but is more interested in how our heart deals with the presence of sin. When King David lost his child, he washed his face and ordered a meal prepared. His servants were perplexed. He had been very sorrowful during the child's illness, but when the child died, his countenance lightened. Nathan, the prophet, told him God would deal with him concerning his sin of murder and adultery with Bathsheba. *"And David said unto Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.'* And Nathan said unto David, *'The LORD also Hath Put Away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die. And the LORD Struck the child...and it was very sick. David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, 'Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?'* But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, *'Is the child dead?'* And they said, *'He is dead.'* Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped." David said, *"I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."* His heart was sorrowful, but he trusted completely in God's Mercy. God's Frown should be our worst nightmare and His Smile our greatest pleasure! I know God Is Smiling when I am obedient to His Word, because His Holy Spirit Will Bear Witness in my heart that He Is! My heart will be filled with, *"Joy Unspeakable And Full Of Glory."* My speech will give witness to the Truth that fills my heart. Spurgeon said, *"The heart must overflow to give the lips full speech."* Men will note that I've been with Jesus, God Will Be Pleased, and I will lay up Treasure in Heaven. Be more concerned with what God thinks than with what men think, because *"the Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but the fear of man layeth a snare."* God Preserves my life, forever! If I do not fear death, what is there to deter my faith?

Our sin must ever rend our heart,
Or we will stray from God apart,
And if we find ourselves unjust,
We need but turn to God and trust. –CGP

If you believe there is a God, then you must believe there is a hell. The same Truth that tells us of God, informs us of hell. You either have to believe both or reject both. You can't have one without the other. If you're wrong, you waste your eternity!

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13 KJV