

"Jesus wept." John 11:35 KJV

What does God weep? I believe it is unbelief. Unbelief keeps from Him the souls which He so dearly loves, *"for God so loved the world."* When Jesus came to resurrect His friend Lazarus, The crowd following Him was ignorantly unaware of the Omnipotence walking among them! *"The Word was God. All things were made by Him; In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...full of grace and Truth. And some of them (walking with Him) said, 'Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?' Jesus therefore again groaning in Himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it."* Our Lord *"groaned within Himself [and] wept"* when the crowd wondered aloud why Lazarus had been allowed to die. They clearly believed that Jesus could have healed him, but their faith fell short of the actual power of God. Isn't it so true of believers that, while we are sure of our salvation and eternal home, we very often wrestle with stress over everyday problems? God's power is great enough to save us, but not great enough to provide our daily needs. The lack of faith from the very crowd that had been healed and made whole so deeply sorrowed Jesus that He wept. Our unbelief grieves God to His very core, especially after we have already trusted and benefitted from His Grace and Power. Unbelief is evidenced by disobedience. If you are not obeying God's Word, you are disobeying it! What causes such mistrust? I believe it stems from the sin of covetousness. We really need nothing past food and raiment, and yet, we labor wearily to pay for unneeded items that we *just had to have.* I'm not saying don't work to provide for your family, but at the same time, be a wise steward of what God has given you and don't fret over lack of money. *"The LOVE OF MONEY is the root of ALL evil."* Money is just a means to an end ó provision. God's Word promises, *"Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God AND His righteousness and ALL these things shall be added unto you."* So, do we believe Him or not? Ahh! Therein lies the rub ó we are afraid to trust! We so desire the THINGS of the world we know are unnecessary to our existence, we stress and work ourselves to a frazzle to acquire them. If I focus on my faith and not on my lusts, God will take care of every need. *"Let not sin (disobedience) therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"* If I don't have it, I don't need it. God promised. Have you ever just proved God? Taken Him at His Word? Our *"little faith"* sorrows our Lord and it quenches the Spirit's work in our hearts as He teaches and guides us. *"Quench NOT the Spirit."* We quench the Spirit whenever we disregard or disobey God's Word. We believe God spoke the entirety of Creation into existence from absolutely nothing, but hesitate to trust Him for today's needs. If we knew God's Word more, we would know Him more. If we knew Him more, we would love Him more. If we loved Him more, we would trust Him more!



When we believe through faith with ease,
The heart of God is ever pleased,
But doubting souls will grieve our Lord,
By not believing in His Word. -CGP

Is Christ weeping in the garden of your heart? Do you grieve God through your lack of faith?

"And [Jesus] did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Matthew 13:58 KJV