**R886 Rumination for Jan. 16, 2022 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **The Man of Sorrows**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *He is despised and rejected of men;* ***a man of sorrows****, and acquainted with grief:*

 *and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.* Isa. 53:3

The **T**hots:

1. **The Penalty of Sorrows upon Man. Gen. 3:16-17**
2. For the Woman. 3:16

*Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy* ***sorrow*** *and thy conception; in* ***sorrow*** *thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

1. For the Man. 3:17-19

*And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in* ***sorrow*** *shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;* *Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

1. For All Mankind: Psa. 90:10, NKJV

*The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,*

*Yet their boast is only labor and* ***sorrow****; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*

1. **The Person of the Man of Sorrows to bear the Sorrows of Man. Isa. 53:4**

 *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our* ***sorrows****: yet we did esteem him stricken,*

 *smitten of God, and afflicted.*

1. His **P**hysical Form – *He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,*

 *nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.* 53:2, NRSV

1. He would not be **P**opular: 53:3

*He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;*

*and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.*

1. His **P**urpose was to bear our **P**unishment: 53:4a

*Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken,*

1. Thus, His **P**unishment on our **P**art – *smitten of God, and afflicted*53:4b

*But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities:*

1. The **P**roduct was **P**eace for us! 53:5

 *The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

1. **The Peculiarity of His Sorrows that Secured our Salvation.** **Lam. 1:12**

*Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any* ***sorrow*** *like unto my* ***sorrow****,*

*which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.*

1. It was the unique **S**orrow of the **S**on of God – Matt. 26:38

*Then saith He unto them, My soul is exceeding* ***sorrowful****, even unto death:*

1. He was the **S**inless and **S**potless Lamb of God. I Pet. 1:19

*But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

*Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth:* I Pet 2:22, 23

*Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; When He suffered, He threatened not;*

*But committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously:*

1. He was our **S**ubstitute and **S**uffered in our Place: I Pet. 2:21

 *Because Christ also suffered for us…Who His own Self bare our sins in His own body on the tree,*

 *that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.* I Pet. 2:24

1. He would **S**ave us and restore us to Himself as the **S**hepherd of our **S**ouls: I Pet. 2:25

*For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your soul*

1. **The Promise of Perpetual Joy without Sorrows in Heaven Rev. 21:4**

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death,*

*neither* ***sorrow****, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

* In the Meanwhile, let us **R**emember Him, *the Man of Sorrows* Who died for us, was buried,

 **R**ose again and will **R**eturn one day for Us to take us back to be with Him.

*Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God, who came*

*ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*Guilty, helpless, lost were we; blameless Lamb of God was he,*

*sacrificed to set us free: Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,*

*then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

Psalter Hymnal, (Gray), 1987

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1. In this life, Man cannot escape the Punishment of Sorrows first executed on his fore- parents, Adam and Eve, when they disobeyed God and transgressed His commandment not to eat of the fruit of the tree of life. Both were punished with “***sorrows***” as…
* For Eve. 3:16

*Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy* ***sorrow*** *and thy conception;*

*in* ***sorrow*** *thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband,*

*and he shall rule over thee.*

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Since then, generation after generation, Man experienced or suffered Sorrows in one form or another. At the core of it all was Spiritual Separation from God resulting in Spiritual Death:

Rom. 5:12 – *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;*

 *and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

Furthermore, it was mandated that man would live on the average up to seventy years, as: (Psa. 90:10, NKJV) – *The days of our lives are seventy years;*

However*, And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,*

 *Yet their boast is only labor and* ***sorrow****; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*

If at all, a man should live beyond the mandated seventy years, his extra days will only be further marked by sorrows. And at the end of it all, he will die and go to his designated destination - Death!

Do you know where your designated destiny is? The Bible declares very clearly:

*it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment*. (Heb. 9:27, NKJV)

But the Bible also declares a way of escape from this. Jesus said and promised –

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*

(Jn. 5:24, NKJV)

At the same time, the Bible also gives a warning to those who refuse to accept Jesus’ invitation:
*How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him…?* Heb. 2:3

Have you truly and sincerely accepted the Lord’s invitation?

Can you recall, When and How? **REFLECT**

1. What we see today in this chaotic world perhaps are just the “*beginning of* (the) *sorrows*” predicted to come upon the earth. The Lord Himself warned – *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying,*

*I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars:*

*see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*

*For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.*

***All these are the beginning of sorrows****.* (Mt. 24:4-8)

They are the harbingers of …*For then shall be* ***great tribulation****, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.* (Mt. 24:21).

For the present, the Man of Sorrows will bear your sorrows if you just let Him. Trust Him.

 *Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a Friend so faithful*

*Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness.* Joseph M. Scriven

 **REFLECT**

**Points to Ponder:** *The Man of* ***S****orrows can* ***S****ublimate your every* ***S****orrow, take it to Him.*