TIME AND PURPOSE – WEEP

“a time to weep,” (Eccl. 3:4) The idea of weeping does not set well with many. Emphasis is put on happiness, frivolity and having fun, not on crying.

“Tears are the safety valve of the human heart,” someone has said. Thank God for tears. Whatever would we do without them? There comes a time in the life of most everyone when they want to cry.

There are many situations when it is a time to weep, loss, of a loved one, a job, or perhaps wealth. Weeping does not always mean the shedding of tears but tears will come to most, during ones lifetime.

Almost everyone has suffered in some way that makes them weep, and it isn’t always loss. We cry when we are sad, because of disappointment. We cry when we are betrayed. We weep because of the disobedience of a child. I wonder how many children know how much their parents have wept over them.

Jeremiah, the prophet is known as the “weeping prophet.” He wept because of the disobedience of Israel, (Jer. 9:1). He wept because of Israel’s pride and captivity (Jer. 13:17). There were many other things that caused him to weep.

Tears have their time. It can come in a moment, almost without notice. When the time comes, and it will, weep as you will, then dry your eyes and get about the business of living. There is much to life and much to do, for the church of our Lord is in trouble in this world.

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