

Weeping at “The Wailing Wall”

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May patience be your companion, Peace your guide, Joy your light and Pure love your release.

Pain and heartache is something we do not always understand. The heart can hurt so deep that you feel it has been cut by a two edged sword. Sometimes that scar hurts so deep that no tissue repair can heal it.

How deep is your hurt? Do you feel the world is tumbling in and prayers are not answered? Do you feel your prayers are against a wall? Do you feel nobody loves you or even care?

Psalm 56:8 reads "Lord, you have seen me tossing and turning through the night. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded everyone in your book."

It took me some time to understand what grieving The Holy Spirit really meant. Just as for many Christians, it is difficult to understand the grieving at the “Wailing Wall”. According to the Jewish Law, one is obligated to feel grief and rending their garments upon seeing the desolated site of the Temple. When visiting the Western Wall we will see many Jewish people mourning the destruction of the Temple.

Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the nations: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the Lord" Lamentations 2:9

Upon my visit to Israel I used to go to the Western Wall on a Friday afternoon and stay there until candle-lighting time. I sat there for hours by myself reading the Book of Psalms and watched the people in total prayer devotion at the Wailing Wall.

I have such a passionate love for Israel and the Jewish Nation. Upon my very first visit I experienced an overwhelming heartache when I saw all the Jewish brethren praying at the Western Wall. Seeing the Holiest place of Holies in total destruction brought tears to me. Just before Shabbat started, many made their entrance to express gratitude to God and pray for divine

mercy. Some people placed some hopeful prayers in faith into the cracks of the wall. Many would weep and tears would overflow their faces as they stand there praying. As I sat there watching the Jewish men swaying during prayer, I felt a great sadness overcoming me.

Observing all these people in total devotion and prayer service brought a verse to my mind *'You shall serve God with your whole heart.'* Deuteronomy 10:10.

I had so many questions going through my mind at that time. It hurt me deep inside to know that there are still people today in this world that still did not accept Yeshua as their savior. I stood up after some time as I too had an urge to pray. As I walked towards the wall I noticed the customary backward steps of some of the people that are leaving the wall.

For quite some time I stood in front of the wall. I suddenly had an urge to lift my hands on high, stretch it out towards the heavens and pray. I felt the Holy Spirit filling me deep inside and started weeping there at the wall like I have never wept before. I too had so much hurt inside of me. So many burdens and heartache I just wanted to lift up to the Lord. I felt a burden lifted from me as I called upon the name of Yeshua. Just before I opened my eyes, I heard a soft spoken woman's voice praying fluently in Hebrew. With my eyes still close, I heard her say "Yeshua Ha'Maschiach". Emotions made me wept quietly and as I open my eyes, I noticed the most beautiful bride at the wall. I remembered I still had some prayer notes in my pocket and reached out to the wall to insert it into the gap. Just as I placed them, this bride reached out her hand and placed it over mine, while continue praying in Hebrew. She looked at me with a smile and said in broken English. "They have been fulfilled" My emotions been very high and almost everything made me cry.

Seeing a bride at the wall on a Shabbat puzzled me for a while as a traditional Jewish wedding is not permitted on a Shabbat. In addition, there is a principle in Jewish tradition against mixing one celebration with another. Jewish marriage tradition is called "kiddushin," or "sanctification." Shabbat is a time of separation and celebrating life. Shabbat service would then separate joy of a bride and groom.

I clearly had to ask the question. As she clearly understood my curiosity, I soon came to know that their wedding took place earlier that day. As a sacrifice for their marriage they have decided to marry before Shabbat and dedicate one night in exchange of a lifetime together.

When Yahweh begins to form and shape us as the wise master potter to bring us into the fullness of Messiah. We will be perfect and complete in the Messiah, when we step into the kingdom of God. Nothing more will be necessary. Our redemption will be forever complete. We will have reached the place of fullness in the Messiah and will spend eternity learning and exploring the deep mysteries of God and the universe.

In Exodus 31:14,15. Yahweh took the Sabbath day seriously and He declared that if anyone broke this Sabbath Covenant they would be put to death. It was Yeshua's purpose to be an example and restore the love, compassion and mercy of God that was lacking among the Jewish people. The secret to enjoy the Sabbath and delight in the Lord is to have a right heart attitude and not to follow after your own desires.

In the New Covenant, the punishment of death has been removed in the Messiah, and observance of this day becomes an issue of our heart. The Sabbath has always had a special relationship to Israel. The word "sanctification" in Hebrew actually means "marriage". According to Jewish understanding, this Sabbath Covenant is actually likened to a marriage as a bride between God and Israel.

I noticed once again the broken walls and graves as I walked back towards the Hotel. So many things went through my mind, hands given at marriage, covenants made, offering, prayers and promises of the word. I kept on thinking about the hearts of people and the hurtful experience Yahweh must have felt when so many rejected His one and only Son, that gave His very own life for the sake of our souls. What a priceless price have been paid! What greater love can there be than the love of our heavenly Father?

Have they not butted their heads against a stone wall long enough? Surely at some point they must realize the wall is stone and their head are flesh and blood.

Just as stubbornness can build a high wall so deep and wide around our very own hearts, hate enters the chambers of the most sacred place. The harden wall of stubbornness have temperamental features; you always know what you're going to be thinking next. Just as persistence is a strong will, abstinence is a strong won't.

Scripturally our inner heart has two chambers which connect to our spirit and our soul. When our hearts are broken we grieve the spirit.

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

You feed your body three times a day, how often do you feed your spirit? Bible references show us that King David and the prophet Daniel prayed three times a day. In *Psalms 55:18*, David states: *"Evening, morning and afternoon do I pray and cry, and He will hear my voice"*. *Daniel 6:11 " his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he had done before" .*

There is a way you can be sure that you will have a place in this glorious kingdom to come, give your heart to Lord Yeshua now. The time is short and you can no longer wait to see what happens. Your eternal soul depends on the decision you make right now. Lord Yeshua said in John 14:6 "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

Today I am going to

Yeshua, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Break these high walls down that and remove the yoke of stubbornness from me. Provide me with a heart filled with love. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. In Yeshua's Name we pray. Amen