Revive us Again – Ps. 119:136

**Focal Truth: God’s people must pray in holy grief for the sinfulness of men**

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When you see the events in the world today what kind of emotions to you experience?

Are you angry when you see the sinful behavior of people in the world today?

How to you pray for the sinfulness of the people of the world?

Do you pray God’s judgment on those who are practicing sin or do you pray with holy grief for them?

Today we are reminded that while the world is sinning – the church should be weeping.

Today while the world is sinning – the church must be agonizing & praying

**Observations**

1. God’s people should feel holy grief as they see the sinfulness of other men

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 a. The rarity of holy grief – seldom do we see someone in tears for the sin of

 others - Ezek. 9:4 – go through the midst of the city, through the midst of

 Jerusalem put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh & groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst

 b. The holiness of holy grief – my eyes shed streams of waters…

 c. The cause of holy grief – the sins of other men – they do not keep your law

 d. The depths of holy grief – my eyes shed streams of water

 Ps 119:158 – I behold the treacherous & loathe them…

 Rom. 9:2 – I have great sorrow & unceasing grief in my heart…

 e. The sight of mans sinfulness

 1. Hos. 4:1-2 – there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of

 God in the land. There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing

 & adultery. They employ violence so that bloodshed, follows

 bloodshed

 2. Jer. 6:16 -17 – Thus says the Lord, stand by the ways & see &

 ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, & walk in it

 and you will find rest for your souls, but they said, we will not

 walk in it.

 3. Isa. 3:9 – they display their sin like Sodom, they do not even

 conceal it, woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves

2. God’ people experience holy grieve when they understand the destruction of

 man’s sinfulness

 a. Living under the wrath of God

 1. God’s gives them over to lusts of their hearts to impurity R.1:24

 2. God gives them over to degrading passions – R. 1:26

 3. God gives them over to a depraved mind – R.1:28

 Filled with unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil, full of envy,

 murder, strife, deceit, malice, gossips, slanderers, haters of God,

 insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventers of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving,

 unmerciful

 b. Coming eternal destruction for those who refuse to obey the gospel

 1. 2 Thess. 1:7 -9 – the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven, in

 flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God & that

 obey not the gospel & the glory of His power

*A man was praying and weeping his friend ask, why are you weeping? He said, “I weep because God’s love goes unloved”*

*Do you shed a tear for the terrible destruction of those still in their sin?*

3. God’s people pray in holy grief because of their love for sinful men

 a. Jeremiah wept & prayed for God’s sinful people – Lam. 3:8 -50

 My eyes run down with streams of water, because of the daughter of

 of my people. My eyes pour down unceasingly, without stopping, until

 the Lord looks down & sees from heaven. My eyes bring pain to my soul

 because of all the daughters of my city

 b. The Lord Jesus wept over Jerusalem – Luke 19:1 – When He approached

 Jerusalem, he saw the city and wept over it, saying if you had known in this

 day the things which make for peace. But now they have been hidden from

 your eyes – “he not only wept for his friends but for his enemies”

 c. Ps. 9:20 – put them in fear, O Lord let the nations know that they are but

 men

 d. 2 Thess. 3:1 – pray that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly & be

 glorified

 e. Moses, Jeremiah, Daniel, the Lord Jesus all prayed in holy grief for the sin

 of others

**Things to Remember**

1. Holy grief is Christ - like grief for the sinfulness of other men

2. He who has not grieved for his own sin can never grieve the sin of others

3. While the world is sinning God’s people grieve & pray for them

4. The self – righteous have no tears for the lost

5. God’s people grieve for the sinner who has no grief for his own sin

**Daily Use**

1. Ask God to break your heart as you see the sinfulness of other men

2. Pray that God pour out godly sorrow that leads to repentance on the sin’s of

 others

3. Confess your hard – heartedness & lack of holy grief to God for the sins of others

4. Remember everyone who does not trust in the Lord Jesus Christ will go to hell

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