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## SEEING, THROUGH TEARS

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"And as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre."

Tears are not always a total loss. Often they have brought good. It is doubtful if we ever appreciate some things until we see them through tears. Tears have held some to the place of exquisite vision, while others, less sorrowful, have hurried away. Peter and John "went away to their own home" but "Mary stood without at the Sepulchre, weeping." Many have missed the vision by being in too great a hurry to get home. It takes tears, sometimes, to give us the true perspective. Home, precious as it is, is not the greatest good. Even a Sepulchre can be a place more wonderful, if the risen Saviour is to be found nearby. And I know of no place where He is more likely to be.

It takes tears, sometimes, to put the necessary "stoop" in our spirits. We feel so self-sufficient. And yet, how unbecoming is such a spirit to men so frail. Man becomes self-willed and arrogant. They rise up to reign and rule in their little spheres, not realizing that the very breath in their nostrils is God-given. Many times it has taken tears to correct this proud and impudent attitude and sad indeed is the state of that man who cannot behold through tears his frailties. In joy, in sorrow, there is but one becoming attitude for man—a spirit humble enough to kneel, to stoop.

It takes tears, sometimes, to focus our vision on the proper objects. Mary looked through her tears and saw Angels. She saw Angels where others saw not but things—linen clothes, napkins, etc. It makes a difference how our focus is. Some see nothing but garments—garments that will not be needed more. But near, by those folded things, are Heavenly Messengers, ready to tell a wondrous story of Victory, Victory, over sin, over death, over the grave. This is the story that dries our tears, and sends us forth from our sepulchres to meet Him, whose Name is, Master.

It takes tears, to appreciate another's need, and to provide us with a message of hope and comfort for them. "Go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and unto My God and your God." Better to have a Message, even at the cost of tears, than to have a blurred vision, a barren soul, and an empty heart. Tears or no tears, this is the only Message that offers a ray of hope in this dark world. Eyes that have seen no risen Saviour, and hearts that hold no Resurrection faith, bury everything best in the dark grave. They sorrow "as those that have no hope." Not so the soul that stoops, that looks, that hears. Give me this Faith, and though I hold it in the midst of tears, let me

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hold it. Other lights may dim and go out, but with this faith I stand and hear Christ say, "My Father and your Father, My God and your God."

If we can have a vision like this, even though it is seen through tears, the glory of the Vision is sufficient compensation.

"Nearer my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee,  
Even though it be a cross that raiseth me  
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to  
Thee,  
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee."

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## The Church Abroad Advances On Its Knees

Charles V. Fairbairn  
In "American Holiness Journal"

The Church abroad advances on its knees. Why?

Because an ocean between you and your Missionary Board, your home, friends, and churches, upon which you have dependence, tends to drive you to God.

Because the mournful beating of drums, the hundreds of plates of food offered to gods which are no gods, and no knowledge or sense of God's Sabbath, create an atmosphere which drives one to the Mighty One.

Because a sense of emergency always characterizes missions—ever a crisis (which the Chinese define as DANGEROUS OPPORTUNITY)—Such drives one to his knees.

Because races differ, customs differ, concepts differ. O what wisdom! What Divine guidance! What Divine love is needed, if one's work is to be effective! Prayer is contact with the power station, the source of strength, peace of mind, poise of soul! Therefore the missionary must take to his knees.

And prayer works — it succeeds. For example: Two captains call because one of them wants to be saved right now. Our only recourse? The Word and prayer! And the captain receives peace. In the church, the home, the bus, on the street, in the park, missionary evangelism must always be coupled with prayer.

The soul and life of the missionary must be saturated with prayer. Thirty-eight prayer meetings every month! And personal prayer, of course! Prayer is first, and second, and third, and then forth to the task as "workers together with Him."

But further: the Church abroad advances in proportion as the Church at home prays. How well we out here know this! We are facing a problem—then comes a lift and an answer to the problem—someone back home is praying and we are getting the answer out here. Then we look up and ask God to bless that one who is praying back there. Sublime in thought! Wonderful in operation!

## REVIVAL—AN URGENT NEED

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Psalm 85 V. 6: "Wilt thou not Revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

Revival of true spirituality is the constant concern of all those who have tasted of God's Salvation. To have been saved from sin, to have walked in the light of God's grace and love and to have known the experience of a second definite work of grace wrought in the heart by the cleansing power of the Holy Ghost, can do nothing less than imprint upon the soul of a man a desire to see a work of God's revival power sweep over the land.

To think of a Christian who is unconcerned about others, brings to our mind the condition existing in many churches today. It is possible to have the formalities of a holiness religion minus the concern for the welfare of others. No real heart-felt consciousness of the need of men in general. No warmth of love and devotion to the task of winning souls to Jesus Christ. J. H. Jowett said, "We must bleed to bless." The condition of blessing is found in bleeding. The Christian who has been touched by divine grace feels that his life blood could be given that others might be saved. Blood donations are given by people to save the physical life of others—no less the spiritual life of a Christian must be sapped to help supply the spiritual needs of others.

Have we realized yet the great weight of responsibility that is ours? Have we died to self and complacency in our efforts to reach the lost? Do we shed some tears and feel some compassion for the souls of men? Fast disappearing are the days of real soul travail for the lost. New ways and means have been employed to reach men, yet all are unsuccessful in reaching the mass of people. The Church, "God's People", are found in many places and various conditions that have warped and twisted them from the main line of service, namely, soul anguish for others. Weak and emaciated they lay upon the road that leads from Jerusalem to Jericho.

Overtaken by thieves and robbers they lay as dead and are out of commission as far as being of help to others is concerned. If this be the case—WE NEED A REVIVAL, for at least three reasons.—

1. The Christian Church has lost its love for the souls of men.

Little is being done because little is felt, among the majority of Christian people. The services of the church have little appeal to the world. The great mass of people are untouched by things spiritual. If perchance a person begins to feel the Spirit of God dealing with him there is very little help forthcoming from those who are supposed to bear spiritual

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