

THE GOD WHO WEEPS

Luke 19:41-42 (ESV)

⁴¹ when he drew near and saw the city, **he wept over it**, ⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

“What comes to our minds when we think about God
is the most important thing about us.”

- A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, p. 4

How do I see God?

Why did Jesus weep?

The last 2 parables of Jesus ...

WHY GOD WEEPS AND WHAT GOD WEEPS OVER:
(Luke 20:9-18)

This world _____.

Psalm 24:1 (NLT)

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

He made it for ...

God (rightly) desires _____ from this world.

Romans 11:36 (ESV)

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Jeremiah 13:11 (ESV)

¹¹ ... I made the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah cling to me, declares the LORD, that they might be for me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory ...

What does He want from us?

Though oft refused and rejected, God _____.

Ezekiel 33:11 (ESV)

¹¹ *Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?*

Ezekiel 34:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹ *“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.*

¹² *As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.*

How has God pursued us?

Because nothing else would suffice, God sent _____
_____ to mediate the conflict. They rejected and killed Him.

Isaiah 53:3-5 (ESV)

³ *He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

*“If I were God and the world had treated me as it treated Him,
I would kick the wretched thing to pieces.”*

- Martin Luther

Jesus – the intended Cornerstone for all who believe – is also the
_____ for all who do not.

1 Peter 2:4-8a (ESV)

⁴ *As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”*

“If you reject him, he answers you with tears; if you wound him, he bleeds out cleansing; if you kill him, he dies to redeem; if you bury him, he rises again to bring resurrection. Jesus is love made manifest.”

- Charles Spurgeon