

We know that all that God does is just. His justices are true.

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."

## **ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8**

**G**rief, Part Two. See Part One, April 21, 2010. Grief is described as intense emotional suffering caused by loss, disaster, or misfortune, acute sorrow, deep sadness, suffering and pain. (CONTINUED)

My Heavenly Father provided a time for my brother to be born so that we could laugh and dance, a time for me to embrace him, and time for us to plant and build, a time for us to gather together, a time for us to gain, a time to mend that which was broken, and a time to talk to each other, sharing our deepest and devoted secrets, always remaining in peace and harmony.

Such a loving Father would provide so much, only to come to naught: a time to die. Well, you might say He provided for the times when the laughter and dance would cease: a time to mourn and a time to weep. He also provided for times when the planting and building would cease: a time to break down and a time to pluck up that which is planted. What about a time to lose someone who meant

so much to you, so much that it is hard to imagine life without them. Why would God do such a thing?

Well we know that all that God does is just, His justice is true, if it were not so, He would have told us. He said He would go and make ready our home for us and when He has made ready, He will receive us unto Himself.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." John 14:1-4

Then why is my heart troubled. Why do I suffer in grief and sorrow? I know that my brother had a prepared place, what other place would I prefer him to be except in the arms of a loving Father. It all comes back to self, I don't like pain.

Hopefully, you are familiar with the story of King David and Bathsheba, his wife. The child that was conceived by them was gravely sick and David sought God for the child's healing, but because of the sins committed by him when he took Uriah's wife, Bathsheba, the child would surely die.

David fasted and prayed before the Lord all night, but on the seventh day the child died. David therefore arose from the earth, washed, and anointed himself, and changed his clothes, came into the house of the Lord and worshipped. When his servants questioned him about his actions, David replied that he sought the Lord for his son's healing, but because God chose otherwise, therefore, God's justice stands. I cannot bring my son back; I must arise and go forth to comfort my wife.

I must arise, go forth, and comfort other hurt and sorrowful souls. What God has done makes it complete and final. We must change our grieving apparel and continue on our journey, knowing that God has said that our days are short and full of troubles. We have so little time to be here on earth, there is no time for prolonged sorrow. We must face our days rejoicing in the Lord for our life among the living.

"Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not." Job 14:1-2

I rejoice in the goodness of God, that He allowed me to be a part of such a wonderful, loving, caring life of my brother. I stand in awe of a life that was on fire for the Lord, singing His praise, and trying to help anyone who needed him and not willing to say no to anyone or turn anyone away. My heart is exceedingly full of joy knowing that his troubles have ceased and the mansion that was prepared for him is everlasting.

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." I Thessalonians 5:13-14

## **GRIEF, A PATH OF THE MESSIAH**



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