

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 - "Why is my Daughter Dead?"

"I have read various articles regarding the goodness of God and how we need to trust in him regardless the situations we face in life. Tell me the goodness of a God who allows my 8-year-old daughter to be killed. I will never again be able to hold her in my arms or experience any of the many firsts a parent should have with a child because she is dead."

I can never begin to understand the grief and suffering you are feeling at the loss of your child. There is no greater love that a parent can have than for the precious gift God has allowed to be brought into this world.

You ask me for answers and I tell you that I can provide you none except for the knowledge the scriptures give me regarding God and His eternal purpose for our lives. My prayer for you is that you can see these eternal truths that Christians use to help them through the most difficult times of life.

Our Lord Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation." Men have suffered, do suffer and will suffer as long as this world lasts. It is during these times that we often question the existence of or goodness of God. We mistakenly lose sight of the eternal purpose for which we live our lives. We associate the suffering in this life as a weakness in God. Some have looked at suffering and concluded there is no God. They reason that if there were an all-powerful and all loving God, then certainly He would not allow suffering. We must remember that "God's ways are not our ways nor His thoughts our thoughts." God's ways and thoughts are higher and better! Those who live with God understand that in the end, His people gain eternal glory. This knowledge allows us to understand that all that happens in this world is but a blip in time with respect to eternity.

You state that your daughter is dead. While that is true in a physical sense I can tell you with 100% certainty she lives forever in the bosom of Abraham for she was a child without blemish. Jesus tells us in Matthew 19:13-14 that heaven is made up of those who possess the innocent nature of a child. I also tell you with 100% certainty that you have the ability to live eternally in heaven with your daughter for those who reach the age of accountability, knowing what sin is, have the ability to have this nature through the washing of the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and thus live eternally with Him forever.

I can't imagine your loss but please understand that where your daughter abides is a place where no harm can EVER come to her. She will NEVER experience loneliness, sadness, tears, fears, pain or suffering of ANY kind for she is with the Lord.

I'm not sure these words bring any help or comfort to you but I pray you find peace in knowing that this life is not a waste of time but that there is a far greater reward than we can possibly imagine waiting for us when our time on earth is over. Your daughter now knows joy beyond measure.

God gives us life, both physical and spiritual. You had 8 wonderful years with your daughter, please rejoice in them. I pray that you can look past the anger, bitterness and grief you are experiencing to understand you can be reunited with her some day, but the first step has to be yours.