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EMOTION AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE 1 SAMUEL 1:8–10

- 1A The Lord prepares to deliver Israel from her enemies by grace (1:1–7:17)
  - 1B The Lord honors Hannah's faith by answering her prayers (1:1–2:11)
    - 1C The Lord opens Hannah's womb (1:1–1:20)
      - 1D The Lord had closed
        Hannah's womb to prepare
        for the deliverance of Israel
        through a gracious,
        miraculous birth (1:1–7)

1 Sam. 1:5, "but to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, but the LORD had closed her womb.

1 Sam. 1:6, "Her rival, however, would provoke her bitterly to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb."

קּעֵּם  $(k\bar{a}^cas)$  be vexed, indignant, angry, wroth, be grieved, provoke to anger and wrath (ASV, RSV similar.)

Mark 10:22, "But he was sad at this word, and went away <u>sorrowful</u>, for he had great possessions."

λυπέω *lupeō* to grieve, be in sorrow, pain

Matt. 26:37, "And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed."

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ἀδημονέω *adēmoneō* to be very heavy

#### **Bitterness of Soul**

Job 3:20, "Why is light given to him who is <u>in misery</u>, And life to the <u>bitter of soul</u>,"

Job 7:11,
"Therefore I will not restrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul."

Job 10:1,
"My soul loathes my life;
I will give free course to my complaint,
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul."

### The Shunammite Woman

2 Kings 4:27, "Now when she came to the man of God at the hill, she caught him by the feet, but Gehazi came near to push her away. But the man of God said, 'Let her alone; for her soul is in deep distress, and the LORD has hidden it from me, and has not told me.'"

# Weeping: The Emotions of Life

- 1a. Emotion is the responder to situations, circumstances, events, or even our own thoughts and emotions.
- 1b. When emotions are intense, we often express that through the shedding of tears. Weeping may be a spontaneous, automatic reflex to intense emotion.

2. Emotions in and of themselves are not sin, but dwelling on or living on the basis of certain emotions, such as anger, bitterness, jealousy, hatred become sin and acting wrongly on certain emotions is sinful. (Some emotions have a positive side as it were: righteous anger, jealous for God)

3. Emotions are never a means of divine guidance or direction in Scripture or in your spiritual life.

4. Emotions do not involve thought or reason, but may be a reaction which accompanies certain thoughts or beliefs.

5. Emotions, though, may be a barometer of your spirituality or your carnality.

Emotions may reveal what is important or significant to us.

Emotions may reveal the focus of our thinking.

### 6. Example of Esau:

Gen. 27:38, "And Esau said to his father, 'Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless meme also, O my father!' And Esau lifted up his voice and wept."

Hebrews 12:16, "lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

Hebrews 12:17, "For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears."

## But later Esau weeps for the right reason

Gen. 33:4, "But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept."

Num. 11:1, "Now the people became like those who complain of adversity in the hearing of the LORD; and when the LORD heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.

Num. 11:2, "The people therefore cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD and the fire died out.

Num. 11:3, "So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.

Num. 11:4, "The rabble who were among them had greedy desires; and also the sons of Israel wept again and said, 'Who will give us meat to eat?' "

Num. 11:20, "but for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have despised the LORD who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, 'Why did we ever come up out of Egypt?'"

Num. 14:1, "Then all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.

Num. 14:2, "All the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, 'Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!

Num. 14:3, "'Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?'

Num. 14:4, "So they said to one another, 'Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt.'"

Judg. 2:1, "Now the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, 'I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, "I will never break My covenant with you,

Judg. 2:2, " ' "and as for you, you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed Me; what is this you have done?' "

Judg. 2:3, "Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they will become as thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you.'

Judg. 2:4, "When the angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept."

Judg. 14:16, "Samson's wife wept before him and said, 'You only hate me, and you do not love me; you have propounded a riddle to the sons of my people, and have not told it to me.' And he said to her, 'Behold, I have not told it to my father or mother; so should I tell you?'"

1 Sam. 30:1, "Then it happened when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had made a raid on the Negev and on Ziklag, and had overthrown Ziklag and burned it with fire;

1 Sam. 30:2, "and they took captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great, without killing anyone, and carried them off and went their way."

1 Sam. 30:3, "When David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive.

1 Sam. 30:4, "Then David and the people who were with him lifted their voices and wept until there was no strength in them to weep."

John 11:31, "Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her, when they saw that Mary got up quickly and went out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there."

John 11:33, "When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled,"

John 11:35, "Jesus wept."