

NAMELESS TEARS

See With New Eyes, Session 1

EVERY HUMAN BEING longs for a quality of fulfillment and happiness beyond anything this world has to offer. We are all haunted by a nameless desire for something that eludes our grasp. We throw ourselves into whatever pursuits we think may impart the satisfaction and peace we yearn for, only to come up empty handed over and over again—until we finally realize that we were originally created in God’s image, we confess that we have lost our way, and we receive His love into our lives as the ultimate meaning of our existence. Then, finally, everything starts to make sense and we begin to really live our lives with a purpose and a passion we’ve never known before.

TEARS OF LONGING

God’s deep heart of love is constantly calling out with wordless impressions to the deepest desires of our lost and longing hearts. In our soberest, deep-thinking moments we know we were made for something more, for a love that finds no perfectly satisfying match in this world.

Psalm 42:1-3, 7—¹As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? ³My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say to me, “Where is your God?”... ⁷Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls.

THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF GOD’S LOVE

God’s love exerts a constant drawing upon our hearts, like a gravitational pull, stimulating within us a sense of need for His love. We all feel it even when we can’t name it.

Ecclesiastes 3:11—He has put eternity in their hearts.

Proverbs 19:22, NIV—What a man desires is unfailing love.

Jeremiah 31:3—The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.”

Jeremiah 2:13—For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Isaiah 55:1-2—¹Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance.

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One of the repeated claims of the Bible is that God alone can “satisfy” the deepest hunger and thirst of the human soul. We attempt to find sources of meaning and purpose in everything and anything this world have to offer, only to find that all of those pursuits amount to “broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

MADE FOR LOVE

God has designed the inner workings of the human mind in such a way that we have a sense, a divinely implanted intuition, that we were made for eternal realities. We are literally hardwired to receive and give love as our natural mode of being.

Genesis 1:27—God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

1 John 4:16—God is love.

Psalms 14:1—The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

C.S. Lewis—If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning; just as, if there were no light in the universe and therefore no creatures with eyes, we should never know it was dark. *Dark* would be without meaning.

C.S. Lewis—Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exist. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in my self a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.

THE UNKNOWN GOD

Each of our lives is orchestrated with points of strategic opportunity to discover who God is and who we are in relation to God.

Acts 17:22-28—²²Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸for in Him we live and move and have our being.

Job 19:26-27—²⁶After my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

John 4:7-30, Summary—Here is a woman who had sought fulfillment in the arms of six different men. In her desperate quest for love, Jesus discerned a thirst that could only be fully satisfied in God’s saving embrace.

All human wonderings have some basis in reality. If God does not exist we would never ask if He does. The fact that the notion of a Supreme Being is present in human consciousness is the strongest proof that such a Being does exist.

By the way, God likes you!