

## LECTURE # 20

### "A BIBLICAL VIEW OF GRIEF"

#### I. DEFINITIONS OF KEY WORDS.

- A. mourning: The \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of one who has suffered a bereavement.
- B. grieving: To cause to be \_\_\_\_\_; distress; to experience or express grief.
- C. bereavement: To leave \_\_\_\_\_ or alone, especially by \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Goode's definition: an intense \_\_\_\_\_ pain and suffering caused by a significant \_\_\_\_\_. It also may involve a complexity of problems.

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_ THAT MAY CAUSE BEREAVEMENT:

- |                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| death                            | divorce or separation                          |
| terminal illnesses               | disfigurement or disability                    |
| rejection and damaged reputation | having a physically or mentally disabled child |
| inability to have children       | job loss or financial reverses                 |

#### III. A \_\_\_\_\_ VIEW OF SUFFERING AND DEATH.

- A. Pain, suffering, sickness, and ultimately death are all a consequence of \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:14-24; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1).
- B. Death is \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 53; Matthew 26:38, 27:45-56; Luke 22:44)

- C. The ugliness of death points to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(John 5:24, I Corinthians 15: 50-57; John 16:33; Ecclesiastes 7:1-4)

#### IV. UNDERSTANDING THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE BEREAVED.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ or shock
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ and Bitterness
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ Trials
- F. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, *On Death and Dying*, defines five stages of grieving: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance

#### V. GOD'S WORD HAS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE BEREAVED.

- A. Biblical \_\_\_\_\_:
1. Abraham mourned for Sarah (Gen. 23:2).
  2. Jacob mourned for Joseph, and refused comfort (Gen. 37:34-35).
  3. Israel mourned over Samuel (I Samuel 25:1).
  4. David mourned over Saul and Jonathan (II Samuel 1:12).
  5. David mourned over Abner (II Samuel 3:31-32).
  6. David mourned over his son (II Samuel 12:15-24).
  7. Jesus wept over Lazarus (John 11:25-26).
  8. Godly men mourned over Stephen (Acts 8:2).

## B. Biblical \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Christians can have grief without \_\_\_\_\_ (I Thessalonians 4:13).
2. Christians can find \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (Psalm 46:1; Hebrews 4:15-16).
3. Christians can experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (II Corinthians 1:3-7; Romans 15:13).
4. Christians can trust the wise, good, and \_\_\_\_\_ hand of God (Romans 8:28-31).
5. Christians can \_\_\_\_\_ in the Gospel (I Corinthians 15:55-57; Romans 8:35-39; John 14:1-3).
6. Christians can learn to \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of sorrow (Philippians 4:6-9; Ephesians 4:22-24; Isaiah 26:3-4; Psalm 119:92).
  - a. John Piper states: “God does everything to magnify His Glory. It is not unloving for Him to magnify Himself. God is most glorified in me when I am most satisfied in Him”.
  - b. Jonathan Edwards states: “God is most glorified not only by His glory being seen, but by its being rejoiced in, when those that see it delight in it”.
  - c. Wally Stevenson states: “Whether the loss is death, divorce, health, job, disability, financial dreams shattered—whatever—the Scriptures are foundational to successful recovery”.