

The house of mourning

Ecclesiastes 7:2-4 ¹ **2** It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. **3** Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. **4** The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

The writer of Ecclesiastes makes known something that is very interesting and at the same time impressive, since it calls to go to the house of mourning, that is, to a place where we can regret, meditate and know that there is a death. It also contrasts with the house of joy and places it as foolishness.

When the writer makes this known, he does it to make us understand the importance of the transformation of man's thought, and that this thought can amend his path, but not the one who lives in a continuous banquet or only in joy, because there is no a thought that leads him to meditate and consequently his way is amended.

For this reason in verse 3 of chapter 7 of Ecclesiastes says that sorrow is better than laughter, because the sadness of the face will amend the heart.

The advantage we have of having our hearts in the house of mourning is that we can experience transformations, corrections, reasons of prudence and wisdom.

Psalms 30:11 ¹ Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

Psalms 30:5 ¹ For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Psalms 126:6 ¹ He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

When we see this from the perspective of Jesus Christ we see these words.

John 16:20-22 ¹ **20** Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. **21** A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. **22** And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

Jesus Christ said that because he was going to be crucified, indicating that his death would come, and that they would mourn and lament, but that after that his sadness would be transformed into joy.

It indicates what Jesus Christ suffered in Golgotha when he was crucified, regret because a righteous man gave his life on a tree and that this was the end of all men. And that we must be wise-hearted and place our hearts in what happened to Jesus Christ on Calvary, deposit our heart there because Golgotha together with the crucifixion of Christ reveal the house of mourning. Since Golgotha was a place of death and there Jesus Christ was crucified to which we must watch, that is, meditate as indicated by the apostle Paul, and know that although he suffered and for a moment we know that it was because of our rebellions, we know that this will turn it into joy because he was made sin so that we would be God's righteousness in Him, Hallelujah.

Let's be wise and go to Golgotha and see Jesus crucified and propose not to think about anything else but Jesus Christ and this crucified because this is the end of all men and we who live will put it in our hearts, and although sadness can fill our lives, this will amend our hearts and our sadness will be transformed into joy and this joy will not be taken away from us.

1 Corinthians 2:2¹ For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

2 Corinthians 5:21¹ For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Isaiah 53:5¹ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

John 19:17¹ And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: