

The Difference Between
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The Sorrow of the Godly

The Sorrow of the Worldly

Ecclesiastes reminds us that no one on this earth is exempt from suffering , pain and death (Ecc. 9.2) Never-the-less Scripture clearly defines & makes distinctions between a Believer's sorrow as opposed to the unbelievers' sorrow. Some distinctions are:

For the Believer:

Sorrow is temporary & comparatively insignificant
Romans 8.18

Sorrow has great value and purpose
2 Cor 4.17; Psm 126.5,6

Sorrow can be relieved thru genuine caring and true faith.
1 Thess 3.7; 4.18

Sorrow is spiritually focused
2 Cor 11.29, Heb 10.34

Sorrow eternally unites
Gal 4.14, 1 Thess 2.17-20, Phil 2.19-20

Sorrow is hopeful
Psm 30.5

Sorrow disciplines and brings about godly change
James 4.8-10

Sorrow strengthens faith
1 Pet 1.6-9, Job 1.21,22; 13.5

Sorrow is comforted by God (note: God of all comfort)
2 Cor. 1.3-6; Rev. 21.4,8; 1 Peter 4.12-19; John 16.20

Luke 6.20-26 Thus the timing of sorrow will often be different as well as the object of sorrow

Luke 16.19-31; 1 Thess. 4.13; 2 Corinthians 7.10,11

For the Unbeliever:

Sorrow is permanent & progressively significant
Mark 9.48

Sorrow has no lasting value or purpose
Heb. 12.15-17

Sorrow is relieved thru avoidance, aggression, regression, denial, superficial fixes & lies 2 Pet 2.14,19
Eph 4.18,19

Sorrow is worldly focused Matt 16.26

Sorrow eternally separates Matt 8.11,12

Sorrow is hopeless
Luke 12.20,21

Sorrow depresses & brings about anger, anxiety & death Matt 27.3-5

Sorrow repels faith
Rev 9.20,21; 16.11

Sorrow has no true comfort
2 Thess 1.7-9