

Weep When Why?

“Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, ‘I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.’

But they said, ‘What is that to us? You shall see to it yourself!’
And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and left;
and he went away and hanged himself.”

Matthew 27:3-5 (NASB)

“But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about!’
And immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed.

And then the Lord turned and looked at Peter.
And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him,
Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.’
And he went out and wept bitterly.”

Luke 22:60-62 (NASB)

*“We shall all weep.
We shall either weep as Peter
or else we shall weep as Judas,
but we shall all weep.”*
– Thomas Watson

Thomas Watson was one of the first level of writers among the Puritans. He is well known for his use of aphorisms such as *“Hell is truth learned too late.”* and our quote for today.

Watson’s aphorism about all people weeping some day is so vivid and sums up the reality so well. We need to stop and think about the fact we shall either weep at the cross and rejoice in our Father’s home forever, or else we shall weep forever in eternal darkness.

All of humanity is destined to exist forever and we do well to ensure we are headed in the direction offered in the Gospel.

Recently I was on YouTube and observed John Lennox, a retired

professor of pure mathematics, debate a retired professor who was an atheist. Dr. Lennox was calm and gracious in making his arguments against atheism. The atheist, on the other hand, was rude, antagonistic, and often interrupted Dr. Lennox. The behaviour of the atheist is similar to that of many other atheists as they speak against theism. They show considerable hostility, anger, and loss of common manners as they deal with the subject of a Creator being behind all that exists in the universe.

What is it that fuels this aggressive behaviour? Why are so many atheists angry, rude and distressed? I think it is because many of them know the consequences for accepting the presence of God. If there is a God then we need to know what is expected of us.

Questions such as, *“Are we pleasing God with our behaviour? What do we owe God?”* come to mind. It

is much easier to deny God’s existence than to have God interfering with our way of living. Such reasoning is like the man who builds his house on sand.

The Lord has given us many gracious invitations to come to Him and He will forgive our sins and give us status as His people, His beloved children. e.g. Isaiah 1:18; Matthew 11:28-29.

If you have wept like Peter praise the Lord. If you have not wept yet, why not?

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