

# Walking with Sorrow

A Theology of Suffering

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1 Corinthians 2:13

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## "Along the Road"

I walked a mile with Pleasure, She chattered all the way; But left me none the wiser for all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow and ne'er a word said she
But oh the thing I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me.

by Robert Browning Hamilton

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"Sorrowful yet always rejoicing..."

The apostle Paul ~ 2 Corinthians 6:10

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#### "Don't Waste Your Sorrows"

The title of this message is "Walking with Sorrow", which is drawn from Robert Browning Hamilton's poem, Along the Road. Another source of inspiration that must be acknowledged is the book Don't Waste Your Sorrows by Paul E. Billheimer. That book was a sequel to Billheimer's first book, "Destined for the Throne". Its theme was: This life is a training ground for the next life, in which we rule and reign with Christ for all eternity.

The theme of Billheimer's sequel, "Don't Waste Your Sorrows", was this: Since we are destined to rule and reign with Christ for all eternity, God desires to use everything in this life to teach us and conform us to the image of Christ so that we can rule and reign THE SAME WAY HE DOES – that is, WITH THE GOD-KIND OF LOVE (Agape love). And the way for us to ultimately learn this God-kind of love is the same way Jesus did – that is, through SUFFERING. Yes, the Scriptures tell us that the Man Jesus LEARNED the God-kind of love; and He learned it through SUFFERING: "... Who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death,

and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered."

Thus, Billheimer puts forth the concept "Don't WASTE Your Sorrows", which is to say: LEARN\_the God-kind of love from your sorrows; and let them conform you to the image of Christ. And that is the theme of this message, "Walking with Sorrow".

<sup>1</sup> Hebrews 5:7-8

#### Sorrow

Let's consider the word "sorrow": Sorrow is something we try our best to escape. We go to great lengths trying to control our lives in an effort to ensure that we will not have to experience suffering and sorrow.

Have you succeeded in keeping your life free of suffering and sorrow? Do you know anyone who seems to have succeeded in keeping their life free of suffering and sorrow? Someone may have immense wealth and power and may APPEAR to be succeeding in being free of suffering and sorrow. They themselves may even believe that their wealth and power will be able to insulate them from suffering and sorrow.

Admittedly, while those who are poor have little recourse but to carry on in their suffering and sorrow, those who have wealth and power can buy escapes from suffering and buy cover-ups for sorrows. This is why Jesus said He came to "preach the gospel to the poor" <sup>2</sup>, and told His disciples: "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." <sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Luke 4:18

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Matthew 19:23

But in the end, wealth and power will also fail. This is why the apostle, Paul, said: "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God...." 4I Timothy 6:17

Do you know someone who is wealthy and influential, yet like yourself, is still subject to suffering and sorrow? Do you know a Christian who loves and serves the Lord, lives a righteous and holy life, yet also has many sufferings and sorrows?

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Gregory of Nyssa in his writing, *De Beatitudine*, commented on the beatitude, "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted." - he wrote: "It is impossible for one to live without tears who considers things exactly the way they are."



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> I Timothy 6:17

## **Inescapable Questions**

Sorrow is indeed inescapable. And the following questions found in the hearts and minds of all human beings are equally inescapable:

Why is there suffering and sorrow?
Why does God allow it?
Why do "good" people suffer?

These questions, and the obvious fact that life in this world is filled with sufferings and sorrows, seem to be one of the biggest stumbling blocks to people embracing a belief in God. The human reasoning goes something like this: "If there is a God, and He is all good and all powerful, why would He allow suffering? Either He is not all good, or He is not all powerful, or He just doesn't exist at all." I can remember when I was convinced that this human reasoning proved that a God who is all-good and all-powerful cannot possibly exist. But I now believe otherwise, because I have found that the Scriptures offer rational answers to these "inescapable questions".

Why is there suffering and sorrow?

Because of the sin and the fall of Humanity. It is written, "... but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." <sup>5</sup> They disobeyed, and Humanity became spiritually dead – separated and alienated from the Creator – the Author, Giver, Sustainer and Perfector of Life.

So, is God punishing Humanity throughout all history because of the sin of Adam and Eve back in the Garden?

It's not about punishment. It's about <u>consequences</u>. It is written, "The <u>wages (or results, or consequences)</u> of sin is death...." <sup>6</sup>

But how can a good and loving God inflict the evils of suffering and sorrow upon Humanity?

He doesn't inflict it. Humanity brought it upon itself. Also: God is not the source of evil – Satan is: This is what Jesus had to say about Satan:

"He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Genesis 2:17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Romans 6:23

he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."<sup>7</sup> And, "The thief (that is, Satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."<sup>8</sup>

In the Book of Job, it is recorded that Satan said to the Lord: "But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in <u>your power</u>; only do not lay a hand on his person." And again Satan said to the Lord: "But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, he is in <u>your hand</u>, but spare his life." <sup>10</sup>

So, we see that evil, suffering and sorrow do not come from the hand of God, but from the hand of Satan – as does temptation. In his epistle, the apostle James wrote: "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,

<sup>7</sup> John 8:44

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> John 10:10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Job 1:11-12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Job 2:5-6

and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."<sup>11</sup>

Some would say: "OK so there is evil, suffering and sorrow, and Satan is the author of it, but still, God allows it!" Yes, He does.

Others would say: "Why would God create Humanity knowing that they would fall into sin and suffer the sorrowful consequences of sin?"

Now we are getting to the root of things! It all has to do with LOVE – THE GOD-KIND OF LOVE. And remember – we are to rule and reign with Christ in the image of Christ – that is, THE SAME WAY HE DOES – namely, WITH THE GOD-KIND OF LOVE.

<sup>11</sup> James 1:13-17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> (Greek) agape

## The God-Kind of Love

The God-kind of love has two definitive ingredients: **Freedom** and **Suffering** – This is what makes it **God's** love.

The first ingredient is FREEDOM: Humanity is **free** to love or not love God. Jesus said: "IF YOU LOVE ME, you will keep My commandments." <sup>13</sup> We are **free** to love or not love God. To the extent that we do love Him, we will keep His commandments. So again, "Why would God create Humanity knowing that they would fall into sin and suffer the sorrowful consequences of sin?" Because He **freely chose** to create and love us, He wanted us to **freely chose** to love Him, even at the risk of our choosing not to. And as we shall see, He had a plan of redemption already in place BEFORE the fall into sin.

The other ingredient of the God-kind of love is SUFFERING. Yes, regardless of how Hollywood pitches it, and in spite of the way we would rather have it, there is no true love without suffering. We, of course, would prefer that not be the case. Our children say to us - and we say to God: "If you loved me, you would allow me to do this or that; or you would give me this or that." And: "If you loved me,

<sup>13</sup> John 14:15

you would not chastise me." And, of course, we tell our children: "It is **because** we love you that we do not allow this or that and must chastise you." God says the same with His children.

But it is actually much deeper than that: The Bible says: God IS LOVE (I John 4:8). God "invented" the very idea of "love". He is the Author of it and has therefore given it **HIS** definition. And an essential aspect of the God-kind of love is SUFFERING. When we say, "We know the love of God", we must mean that we know SUFFERING, because God's love is a SUFFERING LOVE. That's why there is no true love without suffering.

Victor Hamilton writes<sup>14</sup>: "God Himself suffers emotional pain: "God was grieved."<sup>15</sup> ... Humankind's pain has become God's pain! Of course, the pain of the man and the woman (Adam and Eve) is an unfortunate consequence of their own misbehavior. God's pain is the pain of disappointment over the misconduct of humankind."

Yes, God suffers pain and sorrow just like human beings. In fact, He suffered sorrow **first** – even before the creation of Humanity. Follow this theme in the Scriptures:

<sup>15</sup> Genesis 6:6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Handbook on the Pentateuch by Victor P. Hamilton, Page 68: Baker Publishing Group, 2005

- In Genesis it is written: "And God rested on the seventh day from <u>all</u> His works." <sup>16</sup>
- In Hebrews, the writer says: "... the works were <u>finished</u> from the foundation of the world."<sup>17</sup>
- This is confirmed by the apostle Paul when writing to Timothy: "...God who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Iesus BEFORE TIME BEGAN."

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In other words, when God had finished the creation He had finished ALL His works – including His redemptive work through Christ. You may be thinking: "But at that point there was not yet a need for redemption." But God has foreknowledge.

You may also be thinking: "But Christ came to the earth 4,000 later – He wasn't there at the creation." He most certainly was - The apostle John, wrote: "He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."<sup>19</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Genesis 2:2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Hebrews 4:3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> 2 Timothy 1:8-9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> John 1:2-3

Revelation chapter 13, verse 8 refers to "... the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world." That's right – in the spiritual dimension before human history, "the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world" was slain, or at the very least, agreed to be slain, with an efficacy that produced the spiritual reality. This took place before humanity was created and fell into sin, and before the Lamb of God came to earth as the Man Jesus of Nazareth to be crucified for the sins of the world. Before the creation, God the Father and the Son suffered the sorrow of disappointment because they foreknew Humanity's fall into sin and its consequences.

The definitive trait of this "Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world" is that He accomplishes this through an atoning blood-sacrifice on a cross - that is, through self-denying, self-dying, suffering love. So, we see that there is an innate and inescapable connection between love and suffering. Indeed, it seems that both love and suffering have been in the heart of the Creator even before the Creation.

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A thought on suffering love from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, recorded in his book, *Discipleship:* Commenting on the beatitude, "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted", he writes:

"The disciples bear the suffering laid on them only by way of the power of Him Who bears all suffering on the Cross. As bearers of suffering, they stand in communion with the Crucified. ... This is their comfort, or rather, He is their comfort, their Comforter. This alien community is comforted by the Cross."

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## God has a Plan

His plan is that each one of His children would be conformed to the image of His Son, Jesus Christ, so that we can rule and reign with Him - in His image, with His love.

God has a plan for us to reign with Him in glory; but on the path to glory, we must endure suffering. The apostle Paul encourages us: "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him..." <sup>21</sup>; and "... if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." <sup>22</sup> So we see that part of God's plan includes "enduring suffering" – which brings us to the next aspect:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> 2 Timothy 2:12a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Romans 8:17b

## God has a Purpose

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His <u>purpose</u>. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified." <sup>23</sup>

In this Scripture the apostle Paul tells us that God has a purpose – a good purpose. That purpose is to conform us to the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. And God utilizes all things – even what we would consider "bad" things like sorrow and suffering – God utilizes all things for His good purpose of conforming us to the image of Christ. The *Revised Standard Version* and the *New International Version* read: "In all things God works for the good…." The *New American Standard Version* reads: "God causes all things to work together for good…."

To be clear: God is not in the business of causing "bad" things - that's Satan's business. But God is in the business of causing all things – including "bad" things – "to work together for good".

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Romans 8:28-30

Like Joseph said to his brothers who sold him into bondage in Egypt: "... you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good." <sup>24</sup> God utilizes all things to conform us to the image of Christ – even "bad" things. Look at some of the things Paul mentions: "tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and the sword". <sup>25</sup> Yes, God can and does utilize "bad" things like these to accomplish His good purpose in the end.

The Lord says: "For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope." Sorrow and suffering, by nature of the case, are difficult to endure – or Jesus would not have been sweating blood in the garden. But, if we don't understand the Lord's plan and purpose to conform us to the image of Christ, it will be unlikely for us to say like Christ: "Thy will be done." We will be less likely to endure the process. And worse, if we do go through the process missing the point, we will miss out on the benefits of the process. In a manner of speaking: When we don't understand the reason for the suffering, we suffer for no reason!

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Genesis 50:20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Romans 8:35

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Jeremiah 29:11 NASB

But God does have a plan and purpose - an intention and an end - in mind through the process of suffering. While Jesus is our leading example, we can also learn from the example of Job. We are all familiar with the sufferings of Job. James writes: "You have heard of the perseverance of Job, and seen the end intended by the Lord..."27 What was it that took place with Job in the process of suffering? Let's skip over all the chapters which give the gory details, and all the unsound reasoning and bad advice from Job's friends, and just "cut to the chase" near the end of the story. One verse gives the meaning of the controversial story in the Book of Job – the reason "why the righteous suffer" – the purpose in the process – and the "end intended by the Lord" for Job. At the end of his trial, Job says to the Lord: "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You." 28 Job had heard about the Lord and knew about the Lord. But after the process of suffering, Job now had personal, experiential knowledge of the Lord – He had **seen** the Lord, that is, he had a personal revelation of the Lord. This is always God's plan and purpose, particularly in suffering – that we would see Christ and grow in our personal relationship with Him. The key is to see. Herein lies a tremendous truth! ...

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> James 5:11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Job 42:5

"But we all with unveiled face, <u>beholding</u> as in a mirror <u>the glory</u> of the Lord ('in the face of Jesus Christ' – 4:6), are <u>being</u> transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." <sup>29</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> 2 Corinthians 3:18

#### God Has a Process

As I said, this is a tremendous truth which Paul is writing about. In this passage of Scripture, he is explaining that we are not changed and transformed by doing the works of the law, but that it is **by beholding – by seeing – by revelation** - that we are transformed! Let's look at it:

"Beholding the glory of the Lord" – Where do we see the glory of the Lord? A few verses down the page Paul says that "... the knowledge of the glory of the Lord (is) in the face of Jesus Christ." 30

Beholding the glory of the Lord we are changed. Beholding the glory of the Lord in the face of Jesus Christ we are changed.

When we **see Jesus** – when we get **a revelation of Jesus** – we are changed and transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another – and it is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit!

This is God's purpose in suffering: That we would see Jesus suffering – That we would get a revelation of Jesus suffering

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> 2 Corinthians 4:6

with a self-denying love. And as we do, the Holy Spirit supernaturally changes us – transforms us – into that same image of Christ. This is the process by which God prepares us to rule and reign with Christ in the same way He does – with the Godkind of love – with agape love – with a self-denying love. Suffering teaches us to deny ourselves and to love with a selfdenying love. Suffering teaches us this. We must learn this. We are not born this way; and it doesn't come naturally. What is natural to our human nature is to have self-pity during suffering – the human self seeks attention and comfort during suffering as a means of self-preservation and self-love. But that is not how Jesus suffers. Jesus' love is a self-denying love. We have to learn this. We have to be transformed into this through seeing Jesus in our suffering. Like Job<sup>31</sup>, we have heard of Jesus by the hearing of the ear, but now the eyes of our hearts<sup>32</sup> need to see Jesus. 33

This is God's **plan and purpose** in suffering, so we are encouraged by the writer of Hebrews **to "look unto Jesus" – to see Jesus – to behold Jesus - to get a revelation of Jesus – and be transformed.** 

<sup>31</sup> Job 42:5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Ephesians 1:18

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> John 12:21

"... looking unto Jesus, the author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."34

God has a Plan – The plan is to conform us to the image of Christ so that we can rule and reign with Him in His image.

God has a Purpose – His purpose in suffering is to conform us to the image of Christ through learning self-denying love.

God has a Process - The process for transformation is seeing, beholding, getting a revelation of Jesus in order to be conformed to His image.

<sup>34</sup> Hebrews 12:2

## **Suffering Without Resentment**

As I've said, suffering teaches us to deny ourselves and to love with a self-denying love. In his book, *Don't Waste Your Sorrows"*, Paul E. Billheimer quotes J.R. Miller who wrote: "Whole, unbruised, unbroken men are of little use to God." Billheimer comments:

"They are of little use because they are deficient in agape love (the Godkind of self-denying love). Agape love has to be learned — and THAT is the great business of life. It is the great business of life because the law of love is the supreme law of eternity. But this love has to be learned within the confines of time and only upon this earth in an environment just like it affords. All the circumstances of this life are arranged for this one purpose: to enable one to learn agape love in order to be qualified to administer the law of love in eternity. Natural affection does not have to be learned, but agape love is learned only through being utterly broken and suffering without resentment."

"... by suffering without resentment." This phrase gives us the essential meaning of Billheimer's idea of not "wasting" our sorrows. How might we "WASTE" our sorrows? By suffering with resentment. It seems we express our resentment mainly by speaking about our suffering:

- Talking about it in order to get people's pity.
- Complaining about it even to ourselves in order to enjoy self-pity.
- Maybe even speaking blame on others as being responsible for our suffering.
- We may say to ourselves: "I have a right to complain."
- Or we may even say to ourselves "I like complaining about it It makes me feel much better."

But unfortunately, this complaining and blaming immediately robs us of the profit of the process – it WASTES OUR SORROWS.

What was Jesus' example? He didn't talk or complain or blame – even when suffering unjustly at the hands of sinners - He kept silent:

"He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth." For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 'Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth' (Isaiah 53:9) Who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Isaiah 53:7

He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously...."<sup>36</sup>

And so again: The process for transformation is seeing, beholding, getting a revelation of Jesus in order to be conformed to His image. And God utilizes everything in this life for that end. If you ever want to know the will of God, that's it – that's where it begins and ends. If you ever ask God "Why?" – "Why is this happening to me?" That will be your answer. "God is at work in all things" – "God causes all things to work together" towards His plan and purpose to conform us to the image of Christ – particularly through the sorrows and sufferings we experience in this life. To know, and understand, and embrace this enables us to say with the apostle Paul: "sorrowful yet always rejoicing".<sup>37</sup>

<sup>36</sup> I Peter 2:21-23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> 2 Corinthians 6:10

## **Postscript**

An excerpt from Streams in the Desert by Mrs. Charles Cowman

"Joined in God"

"As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing" 2 Corinthians 6:10

Sorrow was beautiful, but her beauty was the beauty of the moonlight shining through the leafy branches of the trees in the wood and making little pools of silver here and there on the soft green moss below.

When Sorrow sang, her notes were like the low sweet call of the nightingale, and in her eyes was the unexpectant gaze of one who has ceased to look for coming gladness. She could weep in tender sympathy with those who weep, but to rejoice with those who rejoice was unknown to her.

Joy was beautiful, too, but his was the radiant beauty of the summer morning. His eyes still held the glad laughter of childhood, and his hair had the glint of the sunshine's kiss. When Joy sang his voice soared upward as the lark's, and his step was the step of a conqueror who has never known defeat. He could rejoice with all who rejoice, but to weep with those who weep was unknown to him.

"But we can never be united," said Sorrow wistfully. "No, never." And Joy's eyes shadowed as he spoke. "My path lies through the sunlit meadows, the sweetest roses bloom for my gathering, and the blackbirds and thrushes await my coming to pour forth their most joyous lays."

"My path," said Sorrow, turning slowly away, "leads through the darkening woods, with moon-flowers only shall my hands be filled. Yet the sweetest of all earth-songs--the love song of the night--shall be mine; farewell, Joy, farewell."

Even as she spoke they became conscious of a form standing beside them; dimly seen, but of a Kingly Presence, and a great and holy awe stole over them as they sank on their knees before Him.

"I see Him as the King of Joy," whispered Sorrow, "for on His Head are many crowns, and the nail prints in His hands and feet are the scars of a great victory. Before Him all my sorrow is melting away into deathless love and gladness, and I give myself to Him forever."

"Nay, Sorrow," said Joy softly, "but I see Him as the King of Sorrow, and the crown on His head is a crown of thorns, and the nail prints in His hands and feet are the scars of a great agony. I, too, give myself to Him forever, for sorrow with Him must be sweeter than any joy that I have known."

"Then we are one in Him," they cried in gladness, "for none but He could unite Joy and Sorrow."

Hand in hand they passed out into the world to follow Him through storm and sunshine, in the bleakness of winter cold and the warmth of summer gladness, "as sorrowful yet always rejoicing."

"Should Sorrow lay her hand upon thy shoulder, and walk with thee in silence on life's way, while Joy, thy bright companion once, grown colder, becomes to thee more distant day by day? Shrink not from the companionship of Sorrow, she is the messenger of God to thee; and thou wilt thank Him in His great tomorrow for what thou knowest not now, thou then shalt see she is God's angel, clad in weeds of night, with 'whom we walk by faith and not by sight.'"

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