

Sunshine of the Soul

Sometimes the darkness is deafening. Sometimes life is filled with so much disparity and anguish that you cannot see the-light-of-day. The darkness that comes is so overwhelming that you feel that even if the sun would shine that you couldn't see it. Furthermore, you feel the darkness is so dense that no one can see you or hear your cries. But there is One who can see in the dark, no matter how dark it gets. He is not deafened by your darkness – and He sees you soul-deep.

When God created the heavens and the earth, darkness abounded. Genesis 1:2 says, *"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."* But noticed that God never left the earth in darkness. His Spirit started moving upon the waters and then He commanded, *"...Let there be light! and suddenly there was light."* (Genesis 1:3). What I can tell you is that God never leaves us in pitch darkness. When no one else can see you or hear your cries – God can. Like the earth, He has created you, so He will never leave you or forsake you.

Job experienced this same darkness and said, *"A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness"* (Job 10:22). The darkest of times had hit him and he felt that all of life for himself had come to a complete end. We understand this because it comes to us too. Things happen that crushes our heart, causes our head to sink, our countenance to darken, and our hands to fold. We don't want to do any work or have any pleasure; we don't want to see anyone or be seen by anyone. Quietly we just want to slip away in the darkness, hide under a rock, or ask to die.

No doubt your feelings are real. You have been really hurt, disappointed, angered, or have had many sad and grievous things that's happen to you. But God wants you to know that He *will* turn it around – just for you. Just like He did for the earth...just like He did for Job...just like He did for so many others, He *will* do it for you. Michah 7:8 says, *"Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me."* Know this – that God is on your side. There is no darkness that can remain when God says so – even in your emotions and feelings.

Your life is not over! Again, I say, your life is *not* over! God's word says, *"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ"* (Philippians 1:6). Though you have been in the darkness, you will live again. God will bring the sunshine into your soul! He loves you so much that He will command the light to dispel the darkness that once cloaked you.

Dear Jesus,

You are ever mindful of them. You see them. You see their deafening darkness. You feel their pain and are acquainted with their grief. But Jesus, I know you, and I know that you will not leave them there in the darkness. You are the Sunshine. You are the Light. And all of creation bows to your command. In fact, God all you need to do is breath life and the sunshine will void the darkness. No need to cut it with a knife, just your voice will bring new life into their souls.

Jesus, I pray that they will call upon your name and believe that you will do it for them. They know they don't deserve it, nor do they feel worthy to receive it, but you don't feel that way about them. You may have been silent, but you never took your eyes off them. I pray that you put the sunshine back into their souls and let them feel new life surging inside again. Thank you for your faithfulness to deliver them from the deep, dark recesses of their souls to bring them into the glorious light of your presence. So be it!

"The mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof." Psalm 50:1

"Behold, God does all these things, twice, three times, with a man, to bring back his soul from the pit, that he may be lighted with the light of life." Job 33:29-30

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