

## Chapter 7 God's Heart/Emotional attributes

**We serve an emotional God**, one **who stores the tears of the saints in a bottle**. Look at how David describes God's response to his tears **when the Philistines seized him in Gath: Psa 56:8** You have taken account of my wanderings; **Put my tears in Your bottle**. Are they not in Your book? The word used for book here is similar to a book of evidence or remembrance.

**God listens to our prayers and sees even our tears**. Look at how he calls Isaiah to speak to Hezekiah: **2Ki 20:3** "Remember now, O LORD, I beseech You, how I have walked before You in truth and with a whole heart and have done what is good in Your sight." And **Hezekiah wept bitterly**. **2Ki 20:4** Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, **2Ki 20:5** "Return and say to Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David, "**I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears**; behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD.

**God rescues us from death and tears, distress and sorrow**. **Psa 116:1** I love the LORD, because He hears My voice *and* my supplications. **Psa 116:2** Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call *upon Him* as long as I live. **Psa 116:3** The **CORDS of death encompassed me** And the terrors of Sheol came upon me; **I found distress and sorrow**. **Psa**

**116:4** Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I beseech You, save my life!" **Psa 116:5** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is **compassionate**.

**Psa 116:6** The LORD preserves the simple; **I was brought low**, and He saved me. **Psa 116:7** Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. **Psa 116:8** For **You have rescued my soul from death, my eyes from tears**, my feet from stumbling. **Isa 25:8** **He will swallow up death for all time, and the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces**, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

**God is sometimes an Angry God.** Look at how Asaph speaks of God's **angry** punishment of the Israelites: **Psa 80:4** O LORD God *of* hosts, How long will You be **angry** with the prayer of Your people? **Psa 80:5** You have fed them with the bread of tears, And You have made them to drink tears in large measure. **Psa 80:6** You make us an object of contention to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves. **Psa 80:7** O God *of* hosts, restore us And cause Your face to shine *upon us*, and we will be saved.

**God is a jealous God** **Deu 5:9** 'You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a **jealous** God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

**Deu 5:10** but showing lovingkindness (Hebrew-kindness and mercy) to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

**Deu 32:21** ‘They have made Me **jealous** with *what* is not God; They have provoked Me to anger with their idols. So I will make them jealous with *those who* are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,

**Deu 32:22** For a fire is kindled in My anger, And burns to the lowest part of Sheol, And consumes the earth with its yield, And sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.

**Deu 32:23** ‘I will heap misfortunes on them; I will use My arrows on them.

**God experiences regret and grief Sa 15:35** Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death; for Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD **regretted** (Hebrew-to be sorry) that He had made Saul king over Israel.

**Gen 6:6** The LORD was **sorry** (to regret) that He had made man on the earth, and He was **grieved** in His heart.