Daughters of the Dust The Whispers of Wise Women

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THE WISDOM OF WEEPING WOMEN

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Women Who Weep

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WEEPING WOMEN

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JEREMIAH 9:10-14

¹⁰ FOR THE MOUNTAINS WILL I TAKE UP A WEEPING AND WAILING, AND FOR THE HABITATIONS OF THE WILDERNESS A LAMENTATION, BECAUSE THEY ARE BURNED UP, SO THAT NONE CAN PASS THROUGH THEM; NEITHER CAN MEN HEAR THE VOICE OF THE CATTLE; BOTH THE FOWL OF THE HEAVENS AND THE BEAST ARE FLED; THEY ARE GONE.

 ¹¹ AND I WILL MAKE JERUSALEM HEAPS, AND A DEN OF DRAGONS; AND I WILL MAKE THE CITIES OF JUDAH DESOLATE, WITHOUT AN INHABITANT.
¹² WHO IS THE WISE MAN, THAT MAY UNDERSTAND THIS? AND WHO IS HE TO WHOM THE MOUTH OF THE LORD HATH SPOKEN, THAT HE MAY DECLARE IT, FOR WHAT THE LAND PERISHETH AND IS BURNED UP LIKE A WILDERNESS, THAT NONE

PASSETH THROUGH?

¹³ AND THE LORD SAITH, BECAUSE THEY HAVE FORSAKEN MY LAW WHICH I SET
BEFORE THEM, AND HAVE NOT OBEYED MY VOICE, NEITHER WALKED THEREIN;
¹⁴ BUT HAVE WALKED AFTER THE IMAGINATION OF THEIR OWN HEART, AND AFTER
BAALIM, WHICH THEIR FATHERS TAUGHT THEM:

JEREMIAH 9:15-20

¹⁵ THEREFORE THUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, THE GOD OF ISRAEL; BEHOLD, I WILL FEED THEM, EVEN THIS PEOPLE, WITH WORMWOOD, AND GIVE THEM WATER OF GALL TO DRINK.

¹⁶ I WILL SCATTER THEM ALSO AMONG THE HEATHEN, WHOM NEITHER THEY NOR THEIR FATHERS HAVE KNOWN: AND I WILL SEND A SWORD AFTER THEM, TILL I HAVE CONSUMED THEM.

¹⁷ THUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, CONSIDER YE, AND CALL FOR THE MOURNING WOMEN, THAT THEY MAY COME; AND SEND FOR CUNNING WOMEN, THAT THEY MAY COME:

¹⁸ AND LET THEM MAKE HASTE, AND TAKE UP A WAILING FOR US, THAT OUR EYES MAY RUN DOWN WITH TEARS, AND OUR EYELIDS GUSH OUT WITH WATERS.

¹⁹ FOR A VOICE OF WAILING IS HEARD OUT OF ZION, HOW ARE WE SPOILED! WE ARE GREATLY CONFOUNDED, BECAUSE WE HAVE FORSAKEN THE LAND, BECAUSE OUR DWELLINGS HAVE CAST US OUT.

²⁰ YET HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD, O YE WOMEN, AND LET YOUR EAR RECEIVE THE WORD OF HIS MOUTH, AND TEACH YOUR DAUGHTERS WAILING, AND EVERY ONE HER NEIGHBOUR LAMENTATION.

JEREMIAH 31:15

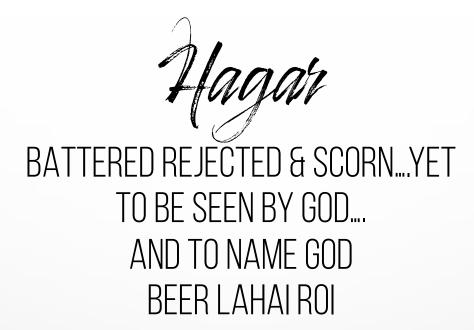
¹⁵ THUS SAITH THE LORD: "A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH, LAMENTATION AND BITTER WEEPING; RACHEL, WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN, REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED FOR HER CHILDREN, BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE."



MATTHEW 2:17-18

¹⁷ THEN WAS FULFILLED THAT WHICH WAS SPOKEN BY JEREMIAH THE PROPHET, SAYING,

¹⁸ "IN RAMAH WAS THERE A VOICE HEARD, LAMENTATION AND WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING, RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN AND WOULD NOT BE COMFORTED, BECAUSE THEY ARE NO MORE."



- GENESIS 16: 1-15
- GENESIS 21:1-13



¹⁶ AND THEY JOURNEYED FROM BETHEL. AND THERE WAS BUT A LITTLE WAY TO COME TO EPHRATH; AND RACHEL TRAVAILED, AND SHE HAD HARD LABOR.

¹⁷ AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN SHE WAS IN HARD LABOR, THAT THE MIDWIFE SAID UNTO HER, "FEAR NOT. THOU SHALT HAVE THIS SON ALSO."

¹⁸ AND IT CAME TO PASS AS HER SOUL WAS IN DEPARTING (FOR SHE DIED), THAT SHE CALLED HIS NAME BENONI [THAT IS, THE SON OF MY SORROW], BUT HIS FATHER CALLED HIM BENJAMIN [THAT IS, THE SON OF THE RIGHT HAND].

¹⁹ AND RACHEL DIED, AND WAS BURIED ON THE WAY TO EPHRATH, WHICH IS BETHLEHEM.

²⁰ AND JACOB SET A PILLAR UPON HER GRAVE; THAT IS THE PILLAR OF RACHEL'S GRAVE UNTO THIS DAY.



1 NOW THERE WAS A CERTAIN MAN OF RAMATHAIMZOPHIM, OF MOUNT EPHRAIM, AND HIS NAME WAS ELKANAH THE SON OF JEROHAM, THE SON OF ELIHU, THE SON OF TOHU, THE SON OF ZUPH, AN EPHRAIMITE.

² AND HE HAD TWO WIVES: THE NAME OF THE ONE WAS HANNAH, AND THE NAME OF THE OTHER PENINNAH. AND PENINNAH HAD CHILDREN, BUT HANNAH HAD NO CHILDREN.

³ AND THIS MAN WENT UP OUT OF HIS CITY YEARLY TO WORSHIP AND TO SACRIFICE UNTO THE LORD OF HOSTS IN SHILOH. AND THE TWO SONS OF ELI, HOPHNI AND PHINEHAS, THE PRIESTS OF THE LORD, WERE THERE.

⁴ AND WHEN THE TIME WAS THAT ELKANAH OFFERED, HE GAVE TO PENINNAH HIS WIFE AND TO ALL HER SONS AND HER DAUGHTERS, PORTIONS.

⁵ BUT UNTO HANNAH HE GAVE A DOUBLE PORTION, FOR HE LOVED HANNAH; BUT THE LORD HAD SHUT UP HER WOMB.

I SAMUEL 6-10

⁶ AND HER ADVERSARY ALSO PROVOKED HER SORELY TO MAKE HER FRET, BECAUSE THE LORD HAD SHUT UP HER WOMB.

⁷ AND AS HE DID SO YEAR BY YEAR, WHEN SHE WENT UP TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, SO SHE PROVOKED HER; THEREFORE SHE WEPT AND DID NOT EAT.

⁸ THEN SAID ELKANAH HER HUSBAND TO HER, "HANNAH, WHY WEEPEST THOU? AND WHY EATEST THOU NOT? AND WHY IS THY HEART GRIEVED? AM NOT I BETTER TO THEE THAN TEN SONS?"

⁹ SO HANNAH ROSE UP AFTER THEY HAD EATEN IN SHILOH AND AFTER THEY HAD DRUNK. (NOW ELI THE PRIEST SAT UPON A SEAT BY A POST OF THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD.)

¹⁰ AND SHE WAS IN BITTERNESS OF SOUL, AND PRAYED UNTO THE LORD AND WEPT SORELY.

SAMUEL 1:11-18

¹¹ AND SHE VOWED A VOW AND SAID, "O LORD OF HOSTS, IF THOU WILT INDEED LOOK ON THE AFFLICTION OF THINE HANDMAID, AND REMEMBER ME AND NOT FORGET THINE HANDMAID, BUT WILT GIVE UNTO THINE HANDMAID A MANCHILD, THEN I WILL GIVE HIM UNTO THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE, AND THERE SHALL NO RAZOR COME UPON HIS HEAD."

¹² AND IT CAME TO PASS, AS SHE CONTINUED PRAYING BEFORE THE LORD, THAT ELI OBSERVED HER MOUTH.

¹³ NOW HANNAH SPOKE IN HER HEART; ONLY HER LIPS MOVED, BUT HER VOICE WAS NOT HEARD. THEREFORE ELI THOUGHT SHE HAD BEEN DRUNKEN.

¹⁴ AND ELI SAID UNTO HER, "HOW LONG WILT THOU BE DRUNKEN? PUT AWAY THY WINE FROM THEE."

¹⁵ AND HANNAH ANSWERED AND SAID, "NO, MY LORD, I AM A WOMAN OF A SORROWFUL SPIRIT. I HAVE DRUNK NEITHER WINE NOR STRONG DRINK, BUT HAVE POURED OUT MY SOUL BEFORE THE LORD.

¹⁶ COUNT NOT THINE HANDMAID AS A DAUGHTER OF BELIAL, FOR OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF MY COMPLAINT AND GRIEF HAVE I SPOKEN HITHERTO."

¹⁷ THEN ELI ANSWERED AND SAID, "GO IN PEACE; AND THE GOD OF ISRAEL GRANT THEE THY PETITION THAT THOU HAST ASKED OF HIM."

¹⁸ AND SHE SAID, "LET THINE HANDMAID FIND GRACE IN THY SIGHT." SO THE WOMAN WENT HER WAY AND ATE, AND HER COUNTENANCE WAS NO MORE SAD.

I SAMUEL 1:19-20

¹⁹ AND THEY ROSE UP IN THE MORNING EARLY AND WORSHIPED BEFORE THE LORD, AND RETURNED AND CAME TO THEIR HOUSE AT RAMAH. AND ELKANAH KNEW HANNAH HIS WIFE, AND THE LORD REMEMBERED HER.

²⁰ THEREFORE IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN THE TIME HAD COME ABOUT AFTER HANNAH HAD CONCEIVED, THAT SHE BORE A SON AND CALLED HIS NAME SAMUEL [THAT IS, ASKED OF GOD], SAYING, "BECAUSE I HAVE ASKED HIM OF THE LORD."

The Un-named Woman of Teans LUKE 7:37-39

³⁷ AND BEHOLD, A WOMAN IN THE CITY, WHO WAS A SINNER, WHEN SHE LEARNED THAT JESUS SAT AT MEAT IN THE PHARISEE'S HOUSE, BROUGHT AN ALABASTER BOX OF OINTMENT,

³⁸ AND STOOD AT HIS FEET BEHIND HIM WEEPING; AND BEGAN TO WASH HIS FEET WITH TEARS AND WIPED THEM WITH THE HAIR OF HER HEAD, AND KISSED HIS FEET AND ANOINTED THEM WITH THE OINTMENT.

³⁹ NOW WHEN THE PHARISEE WHO HAD BIDDEN HIM SAW IT, HE SPOKE WITHIN HIMSELF, SAYING, "THIS MAN, IF HE WERE A PROPHET, WOULD HAVE KNOWN WHO AND WHAT MANNER OF WOMAN THIS IS WHO TOUCHETH HIM, FOR SHE IS A SINNER."

The Widows of Joppa ACTS 9: 36-41

³⁶ NOW THERE WAS AT JOPPA A CERTAIN DISCIPLE NAMED TABITHA (WHICH INTERPRETED IS CALLED DORCAS). THIS WOMAN WAS FULL OF GOOD WORKS AND ALMSDEEDS WHICH SHE DID.

³⁷ AND IT CAME TO PASS IN THOSE DAYS THAT SHE WAS SICK AND DIED; AND WHEN THEY HAD WASHED HER, THEY LAID HER IN AN UPPER CHAMBER.

³⁸ AND INASMUCH AS LYDDA WAS NIGH TO JOPPA AND THE DISCIPLES HAD HEARD THAT PETER WAS THERE, THEY SENT UNTO HIM TWO MEN, DESIRING HIM THAT HE SHOULD NOT DELAY TO COME TO THEM.

³⁹ THEN PETER AROSE AND WENT WITH THEM. AND WHEN HE HAD COME, THEY BROUGHT HIM INTO THE UPPER CHAMBER; AND ALL THE WIDOWS STOOD BY HIM WEEPING, AND SHOWING THE COATS AND GARMENTS WHICH DORCAS MADE WHILE SHE WAS WITH THEM.

⁴⁰ BUT PETER PUT THEM ALL OUTSIDE AND KNEELED DOWN AND PRAYED, AND TURNING TO THE BODY, HE SAID, "TABITHA, ARISE." AND SHE OPENED HER EYES, AND WHEN SHE SAW PETER SHE SAT UP.

⁴¹ AND HE GAVE HER HIS HAND AND LIFTED HER UP; AND CALLING IN THE SAINTS AND WIDOWS, HE PRESENTED HER ALIVE.

LESSONS FROM THE WEEPING WOMEN

- Haggar teaches that God sees us, and we have the power to name.
- Rachael teaches that in our sorrows we are still blessed and much beloved, even until death.
- Hannah teaches there is power and provision through our tearful prayers
- The Un-named Woman teaches that our tears are a cleansing pallet that Jesus receives.
- The Widows of Joppa teaches that our tears can celebrate our friends and their contributions even as they face death.
- And we all know, that Jesus wept thus so can we. Be encouraged in your tears.