

## The Sorrow of All Things

Roman 8:18-23

### 1. Introduction

At the time of the Last Supper, there was the happiest bread I the world and the most unhappy bread I the world, in the same dish. One was the bread eaten by Jesus, and the other was the bread eaten by Judas Iscariot.

### 2. Nostalgia

Everyone has the feeling of nostalgia. Man misses the place where he was born, and where his parents are living. Mankind wants to come back to the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve were born. Man came from God, and therefore man wants to go back to the bosom of God. That is the true nostalgia of man. Not only man, but also the creation's desire is to go back to God.

### 3. Man, as lord over the creation

Man, as a child of God, is the only being that can understand God's words, and communicate with God. Therefore man can represent God on this earthly plane. Man is the Lord over the creation. Other parts of the creation cannot communicate with God directly. Animals cannot understand the truth of God, or pray in tears. In order for them to connect with God, they must go through man. Man is the master. The stars, the sun, the moon, mountains, rivers, oceans, flowers, trees, butterflies, and birds – they are calling out to man, "Our master, please take us to God."

### 4. The sorrow of the creation

However, man is fallen and he is under Satan. Therefore the creation is suffering under Satan. It is used not for the sake God, but for an evil purpose. Creation is crying and suffering. When the bread at the Last Supper was eaten by Judas Iscariot, it was serving Satan's purposes. That bread was crying and suffering.

Every part of creation is looking for higher value and higher purpose. Creation can't sacrifice itself for the sake of a lower being, but it is willing to sacrifice for the sake of a higher purpose or being. If a man sacrifices his life for the sake of animals, people are not so inspired, not moved much. But when a man dies for the sake of others or for the sake of God, people are really moved. That man's value is exalted and he can become one with God.

## 5. Conclusion

The fulfillment of the purpose of creation, the true happiness of creation, depends on whether or not man is connected with God. If man is not with God, but is against God, then creation suffers. If man is one with God, then creation also becomes one with God, and can feel true joy and happiness.

Whatever you do, or eat, or use, is not the question. The question is: For what purpose do you do something, or eat, or use anything? Is it for God's will or not? Therefore the Bible says in Romans 8:18-23:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now.