

Escaping the Evil to Come

"...the righteous is taken away from the evil to come..." Isaiah 57:1

Isaiah reminds the people of God of a truth easily forgotten. Most have in common that they experience the loss of loved ones: your child dies, your spouse perishes in an accident, or God takes your parents in the prime of their lives. Or maybe you are suffering from an incurable illness and in pain ponder never seeing your children marry and have families.

God expects you to grieve over such loss. Our Lord Jesus grieved over the death of His friend Lazarus. Grieve, but do not resist Him. You cannot know why God inflicts such pain, but it may be that "the righteous is taken away from the evil to come." This does not mean you can accurately anticipate what God has in mind when He says He is delivering from the coming evil.

He does promise, however, that you will have cause to thank Him in eternity when you see things from His perspective. Therefore, with the eyes of faith, thank Him as you grieve, for He is good.