



“For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But it was you, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.... The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.” Psalm 55:12-14, 21

Is there any pain as great as the pain of betrayal? To have had a close or even an intimate friendship with someone; a person that you had shared your thoughts, your dreams, your hopes and longings with, only to have them betray you! It is as if your very inner being has been revealed only to have been willfully and premeditatedly trampled upon!

Emotions run high. The shame, the embarrassment, the anger, the hurt – all flow freely – after all, you have bared your heart and now it has been deeply wounded.

As a Christian, the Master has called you to eternal life – that is not just “long life: but it is life on God’s level of satisfaction and fulfillment. (John 17:3) To live in that rarified air, the believer must also demonstrate the nature of the Christ! “But I say unto you that hear, “Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them that despitefully use you!” (Luke 6:27-28). To have the opportunity to share in Christ’s sufferings – in His betrayal – is evidence He has called you to His level of living. Arise to the challenge and act as Jesus did!

“Love never fails.” (1 Corinthians 13:8)

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