

# I See Your Sorrows

by Mary Wilder Tileston

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*Mary Wilder Tileston's sermon emphasizes God's deep understanding of both visible and invisible sorrows, offering comfort to those in pain.*

**Scripture:** Exodus 3:7, Psalm 34:18, Psalm 147:3, Romans 8:26, 1 Peter 5:7

**Topics:** "Gods Comfort", "Emotional Suffering"

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## Description

Mary Wilder Tileston, preaching from Exodus 3:7, delves into the different layers of sorrow experienced by individuals. She distinguishes between visible sorrows, secret sorrows that can be shared with close ones or poured out to God, and the deepest sorrows that remain unspoken and can only be laid before God silently. Tileston emphasizes God's omniscience in acknowledging all forms of sorrow, from the external to the most hidden depths of pain.

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## Transcript

And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows.

Exodus 3:7

THOU knowest, Lord, the weariness and sorrow

Of the sad heart that comes to Thee for rest;

Cares of today, and burdens for tomorrow,

Blessings implored, and sins to be confessed;

I come before Thee at Thy gracious word,

And lay them at Thy feet,-Thou knowest, Lord.

JANE BORTHWICK

THAT sorrow which can be seen is the lightest form really, however apparently heavy; then there is that which is not seen, secret sorrows which yet can be put into words, and can be told to near friends as well as be poured out to God; but there are sorrows beyond these, such as are never told, and cannot be put

into words, and may only be wordlessly laid before God: these are the deepest. Now comes the supply for each: "I have seen" that which is patent and external; "I have heard their cry," which is the expression of this, and of as much of the external as is expressible; but this would not go deep enough, so God adds, "I know their sorrows," down to very depths of all, those which no eye sees or ear ever heard.

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