

# God's Merciful CALL To A Dark, Persistently Disobedient World

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(The following is taken from Kay Arthur's *Search My Heart, O God* ; pg. 16 ; 1999)

Do you want to weep when you see the suffering, the pain, the sin? The abortions performed daily in this nation? When children suffer horrendously because of the sins of their parents?

Are you distressed when you see the corruption in the leaders of our country as they break God's commandments without even a blink of the eye or a blush of the cheek?

Is your heart grieved when you look at the sin, the worldliness of those who enter church sanctuaries week after week and drag the ways of the world in with them, seducing others and despising those who are righteous? Do you ache within?

It's an appropriate response to weep over sin, to grieve over unrighteousness. It means you have God's heart.

“ ‘Yet even now,’ declares the LORD, ‘Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments.’ Now return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in loving-kindness and relenting of evil. Who knows whether He will not turn and relent and leave a blessing behind Him” (Joel 2:12-14).



*Father, move upon our nation. Reveal to us Your abhorrence of our sin. Bring us to our knees in godly sorrow so that we seek Your face and turn from our wicked ways. May our hearts long for Your pardon.*

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A response from Endurance Ministries ...

We so appreciate Sister Kay's insights. We simply feel the degree of needed repentance (to be sufficient before God) is SO great today that it is, sadly speaking, in doubt the world, in general, will repent. For further clarity, please visit [www.TruthFoundations.org/DB1A24.pdf](http://www.TruthFoundations.org/DB1A24.pdf) & [www.TruthFoundations.org/cb1a.bobb.pdf](http://www.TruthFoundations.org/cb1a.bobb.pdf). **“Persistent Disobedience” indeed!** Also see Rev. 9:21

It's appropriate to add (to Joel's appeal above), similar appeals from the prophet Jeremiah:

1. Jeremiah 18:1-17 (especially verses 8, 9)
2. Jeremiah 29:1-20 (especially verses 11-14)