

Luke 7:18-23

A HEART THAT CARES FOR THE SPIRITUALLY STRUGGLING

Introduction:

- A. There are some here tonight who are spiritually struggling.
- B. Jesus is one who cares, who is tender, and patient.

(Glimpses Into the Heart of Jesus (13))

“A Heart that Cares for the Spiritually Struggling”

I. John’s Doubts:

- A. “Go your way and tell John what things ye have seen and heard....” John the Baptist was struggling.
 - 1. That is, from one point of view, shocking. Just remember who John the Baptist was.
 - 2. Fact is, there are many great heroes of faith who struggled spiritually.

B. Why was John the Baptist struggling?

- 1. First, consider this:
 - 2. Second, look at the passage itself (verse 18): John is confused about what he is supposed to be looking for.

C. Aren’t these the same kind of struggles we face in our own spiritual lives?

- 1. We have our tragedies, and we have our expectations of how things should go.
- 2. The temptation is to become offended.

II. Jesus’ Answer:

- A. Jesus continues to perform miracles.... And instructs the disciples to go tell John what they have seen and heard. What’s the point?
- B. This is the answer we so often need, too.

C. Blessed – happy – is he whosoever shall not be offended in Jesus.