

THE GREAT TREE OF SORROWS

Rabbinic Story

Pains and joys make the texture of life God knows what's best for each one

When people were complaining to their neighbors about their sorrows and sufferings, each one affirming that his sufferings were the worst of all, the Master told them a story:

One day, God called all the people and told them: "I'll allow you for one day to be free from your sufferings by hanging them on a branch of the 'Great Tree of Sorrows'"

For an entire day, everybody was free from pains and sorrows. Happily they enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content.

By evening time, God told the people "Now, go around the "Great Tree of Sorrows" and pick up from the tree, any sorrows you find best suited for you to bear. For a long time, they milled and milled around and the tree trying to make their best choice.

By sunset, when all made their choice, God look at them, and lo and behold!
Each one had reclaimed his former sorrows.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

God does not allow anyone to be tempted beyond his strength

In trials and temptation place your trust in God.

Do not complain against God, He knows what is best for you.

Do not compare your sorrows with anybody else's.

Without Crucifixion there is no Resurrection

Life is a cocktail of joys and sorrows

There are no days without nights

The brighter the light the darker its shadows

Beautiful tapestries are made of bright and dark silken threads

..

A .