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because these writings go out to a few in other parts of the world, i feel i must prefaced today's message with an explanation. i don't know if it is world wide news but it certainly is nationally.

we had a tragedy here in texas yesterday. once again evil and lawlessness sunk to the depths it likes to lie in. there was a mass shooting in an elementary school, by someone not much more than a child themself. there were small children and adults massacred.

i cannot imagine the pain and suffering of knowing that one's child would never be returning again in this life. you will never hear them laugh again. you will never have another meal with them. and yes, they will never again agitate you with something they have done. those times will be missed too.

i can only hope their loved ones know our Lord as their savior. as deep as their pain may be, there is One who can reach into those recesses of their heart and cause the healing to begin. the following is something i found written on the internet.

"scholars call jeremiah 'the weeping prophet" for good reason. he had lots of personal problems, most of them related to his country's troubles and his refusal to keep silent about them. God was allowing judah to be punished, eventually to be taken into the babylonian captivity for generations. in one of lamentations, he

cries out: 'is there no balm in gilead? is there no physician there?'

african-american slaves here in the south heard this and one of them wrote a spiritual answering his question with an unequivocal, 'yes. dr. Jesus is still at work.'

'there is a balm in gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.' this refrain is repeated after each verse: "sometimes i feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain. but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.'"

yes, He can and does "revive the soul again". we pray our loving God will minister to them now in their need. "if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable." 1 cor 15:19 knowing the Lord Jesus Christ means they will be reunited again.

we know our heavenly Father has received the children into His bosom. "while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 cor 4:18
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