

## THE DAY PRESIDENT TRUMAN CRIED

President Harry S. Truman was known as being a hard nose person in life and words. As President he was not afraid to accept responsibility himself even if someone else was the guilty party. He meant what he said in his famous remark "The Buck Stops Here", it surely did. He was not the type of man to shed a tear over anything or anyone. But there was a day President Harry S. Truman cried.

No, it was not the day he gave the order to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan that killed some 165,000 people. In 1947 his visit to Chapaltepec Castle, the West Point of Mexico, which the United States troops captured 100 years earlier was the place and the day. He stood before the monument to The Boy Hero's, six cadets who committed suicide rather than surrender to the United States. He stood silently in private personal thought, gazing at that monument. The cadets standing nearby in the color guard burst into tears when they observed tears upon the cheeks of Harry S. Truman, president of the United States. No one will ever know what was going on in his mind, or what his thoughts were as he gazed up at that monument of The Boy Hero's on the day that he cried, only that his tears were from the heart.

May we this day, allow our minds and thoughts to gaze upon the monument of the Cross of Calvary where our Lord and Savior willingly gave Himself to death, rather than surrender to Satan's claim on humanity. May our mind and thoughts reflect upon the physical pain and torment that our Lord endured as He received the sins of the whole world upon Himself, that we might be saved through faith in Him as the Atoning Sacrifice.

Oh! My Precious children of God, let us never grow so hard that we cannot shed tears in remembrance of Him in The Daily Walk.

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