

**MATTHEW 27:45-46 – “REJECTED BY THE FATHER!” – SIN ALWAYS SEPARATES US!**

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***Mat 27:45 Now from the sixth hour (12 noon) until the ninth hour (3pm) there was darkness over all the land.***

- Or three o'clock in the afternoon. A darkness, unexplainable, except that in Amos, the Lord said, *Amos 8:9-10 "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight; [10] I will turn your feasts into mourning, And all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, And baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning for an only son, And its end like a bitter day.*
- Yes, it was the only begotten Son of God and its end like a bitter day!
- So the darkness over the land at noon prophesied by Amos. Cf. *Exo 10:22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. Exo 20:21 So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.*
- Never were there three such hours since the day that God created man upon the earth, **never such a dark and awful scene**; the crisis of that great affair of man's redemption and salvation.

***Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"***

- **SEVEN THINGS JESUS SAID ON THE CROSS:** 1. Father, forgive them.. 2. Verily, I say unto you, Today, you shall be with Me in Paradise. 3. “Behold your mother” 4. Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? (Syriac or Aramaic) 5. I thirst 6. It is finished! 7. Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit.
- This **plaintiff cry from the cross**. Just about the time that He expired. These last sayings of Jesus came one after another, as **God is now laying on Him** our sins. In Psalm 22, we read these words: *Psa 22:1 “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?”*
- This twenty-second Psalm is a remarkable passage of scripture because in it is **a very vivid and accurate description of death by crucifixion**. At a period of man’s history when crucifixion was really unknown as a means of putting a person to death. And yet the things that happened when a person is crucified are described, such as **the body going out of joint**, as the muscles give way and the body begins to go out of joint, the pull of the gravity and the excruciating pain that comes as your body begins to slip its joints. The **tremendous thirst** that takes place as the body is dehydrating, as it hangs there on the cross. And this description of death by crucifixion begins with, *“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?”*
- The psalmist went on to say, *“Psa 22:2-3 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, [as it became dark] and am not silent. [3] But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel, and am not silent.*
- But then, the answer to the question, Why have You forsaken me? -- But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel (Psalm 22:2,3). -- Because of the holiness of God, when God laid upon His Son the iniquities of us all, His Son was forsaken by the Father. Just think of it! How the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, all hate sin! They cannot accept or be a part of any of it!
- Turning to Isaiah, *Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.* -- He took your sin, He took all of your sin, all of your iniquity, He bore the punishment for your sins. He accepted the responsibility for your sins.
- *Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. -- For your transgressions, He died.* God laid on Him, *“For He made Him,”* the scripture said, *“2 Cor. 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*
- *Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. What love for you and for me! What love!*

- **He has redeemed us** from the curse of the law, being **made a curse for us** *Gal 3:13-14* ***“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”), [14] that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.***
- Now we know that the effect of sin and the horrible effect of sin is that of **separation from God**. That’s the result of sin. *Ezekiel 18:4 & 20* ***“The soul who sins shall die”***. Spiritually die. It’s a separation from God. When Adam sinned, he died spiritually, he was separated from God. God said, *Adam, where are you?* The sin caused the breach, the separation.
- The prophet Isaiah said, *“Isa 59:1-2 Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. [2] But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”* And **when God laid on Him the sins, your sins, my sins, the sins of the world, the Father turned His back upon the Son** and thus, the cry, ***“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”***
- In that cry, we understand a little better the prayer in the garden the night before, when He was in great agony and as it was, sweating great drops of blood falling to the ground as He prayed, ***“Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me.”*** When His soul was first troubled, He had **a voice from heaven to comfort Him** (*Joh 12:27, Joh 12:28*); when He was in His agony in the garden, there appeared **an angel from heaven strengthening Him**; but **now He had neither** the one nor the other.
- This cup of bitterness that He was to drink as He took all of the horrible sins of mankind upon Himself. Bore the reproach, bore the shame and bore our sins. That He might be able to grant His forgiveness of sins,
- *Heb. 12:2b* ***“who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*** -- The joy of being able to say to that thief, ***“Today, you will be with me in paradise.”*** The joy of being able to say to you, You’re forgiven. I take the responsibility of your guilt, you’re forgiven. You’re clean! There’s nothing against you. The joy of being able to grant the forgiveness of our sins. ***“He endured the cross, despising the shame.”***
- We see here the feeling a mystery of sin bearing, unfathomable and Divine. **That was the cup “tasted,”** the cup for the passing away of which from Him, if it were possible, He prayed, and to the drinking of which, if the Will required it, He solemnly devoted Himself.

#### SUMMARY:

- Oh what love we see demonstrated here by the Father and by the Son!
- Note the awfulness and the hideousness of sin – your sin! My sin!
- May we, with great love and thanksgiving, beyond description, praise, worship and pray to Him!

#### **The Old Rugged Cross – George Bernard – sung by Ernie Ford**

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share.  
(Refrain)*

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