

DESIGNED BY GOD

MATTHEW 26:46-56

IT IS FINISHED

Long ago, I saw my Savior,
Bearing shame upon a tree;
Then my heart was touched with sorrow,
For I saw He bled for me.

“It is finished” loud He cried;
Oh, what love for me He died,
In my stead, He bled on Calvary.
Once for all, Christ rescued me.

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Lo, the sky was veiled in darkness;
Sudden trembling shook the ground
As the angry crowd was jeering,
Mocking Jesus all around.

“It is finished” loud He cried;
Oh, what love for me He died,
In my stead, He bled on Calvary.
Once for all, Christ rescued me.

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Then my Savior called to Heaven
As I saw His love anew,
“O my Father, please forgive them
For they know not what they do.”

“It is finished” loud He cried;
Oh, what love for me He died,
In my stead, He bled on Calvary.
Once for all, Christ rescued me.

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Free salvation now He offers;
Take His gift, oh, hear His plea;
On the bloody Cross behold Him
Join His shout of victory.

“It is finished” loud He cried;
Oh, what love for me He died,
In my stead, He bled on Calvary.
Once for all, Christ rescued me.

- (Matt. 26:46-50) *Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray Me.*
- *And while He yet spake, lo, **Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves,** from the chief priests and elders of the people.*
- *Now he that betrayed Him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He: hold Him fast.*
- *And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed Him.*
- *And Jesus said unto him, **Friend, wherefore art thou come?** Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took Him.*

- (Matt. 26:51-56) *And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest, and smote off his ear.*
- *Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.*
- *Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels?*
- **But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?**
- *In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take Me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on Me.*
- **But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.** *Then all the disciples forsook Him, and fled.*

Crisis times are part of life.

How we respond will determine our perspectives.

Better or bitter?

(1) FROM THE NATURAL PERSPECTIVE

(1 Cor. 2:14) *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

(1) FROM THE NATURAL PERSPECTIVE

A. PRAYER UNANSWERED

Garden of Gethsemane (Heb. 5:7)

- (Matt. 26:37) *And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.*
- (Matt. 26:39) *And He went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt.*
- (Luke 22:44) *And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

(1) FROM THE NATURAL PERSPECTIVE

B. MINISTRY UNFRUITFUL

- Three and a half years of preaching, teaching and healing
- Crowd and group of soldiers (John 18:3, speira, minimum 200)
- Not one aided Him.

(John 18:3) Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

C. MASTER BETRAYED

All the disciples left Him after pledging loyalty.

- (Matt. 26:35) *Peter said unto him, **Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee.** Likewise, also said all the disciples.*
- (Matt. 26:56) *But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then **all the disciples forsook him, and fled.***
- (Acts 2:23) *Him, **being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God,** ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

A. PURPOSE IN THE SUFFERING

1. The Scriptures might be fulfilled.

- (Matt. 26:54) *But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?*
- (Matt. 26:56) *But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.*
- (John 19:28) *After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.*

(332 distinct prophecies – mathematical probability of 1 out of 84 followed by 97 zeros)
By counsel & foreknowledge of God, Acts 2:23.

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

A. PURPOSE IN THE SUFFERING

FULFILMENT OF PROPHETIC WORD

- **Some 750 years before** – (Isa. 53:12) ... *because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*
- **Jesus knew it all** – (John 10:17-18) *Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father.*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

A. PURPOSE IN THE SUFFERING

FULFILMENT OF PROPHETIC WORD

His First Coming foretold: (332 distinct prophecies

– mathematical possibilities 1: 84+97 zeros)

- His birth and birth place
- His public ministry
- His last days
- His resurrection

His Second Coming foretold:

OT – 1500 times, 20 times more concerning 2nd Coming

NT – 1 verse out of 25 verses (Heb. 9:28)

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

A. PURPOSE IN THE SUFFERING

1. The Scriptures might be fulfilled.

2. Jesus incarnated the Written Word.

- (Ps. 22:1) *A Psalm of David. **My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?** why art Thou so far from helping Me, and from the words of My roaring?*
- (Matt. 27:46) *And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?** that is to say, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

A. PURPOSE IN THE SUFFERING

3. Trials prophesied

- (John 16:33) *These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*
- (2 Tim. 3:12) *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*
- (Phil. 1:29) *For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake;*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

A. PURPOSE IN THE SUFFERING

4. God's purposes in suffering

- (Job 23:10) *But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.*
- (Rom. 8:29) *For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son,*
- (Gen. 50:20) *But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

B. PRESENCE OF THE FATHER IN THE AGONY

1. God's desire (Acts 2:23 – His wise eternal counsel)

- (John 3:16) *For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
- (Rom. 5:8) *But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

B. PRESENCE OF THE FATHER IN THE AGONY

2. God was with Christ (cf. Ps. 23:4 Thou art with ME).

- (2 Cor. 5:19) *To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*
- (Matt. 26:53) *Thinkest thou that I cannot now **pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me** more than twelve legions of angels?*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

B. PRESENCE OF THE FATHER IN THE AGONY

3. Jesus was heard.

Testings were like the Temptations in Matt. 4.

- (Heb. 5:7) *Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared;*
- (Luke 23:46) *And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit: and having said thus, He gave up the ghost.*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

B. PRESENCE OF THE FATHER IN THE AGONY

4. Jesus is with us (Ps. 23:4).

- (Heb. 4:15,16) *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*
- *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*
- (Heb. 13:5,6) *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*
- *So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

C. PRECIOUSNESS OF HUMAN LIVES

1. Treatment on Judas

Jesus washed his feet and gave bread as mark of love

- (John 13:26,27) *Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when He had dipped the sop, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.*
- (Matt. 26:49,50) *And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed Him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took Him.*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

C. PRECIOUSNESS OF HUMAN LIVES

2. Treatment of the crowd

- (John 19:10-11) *Then saith Pilate unto Him, Speakest Thou not unto me? knowest Thou not that I have power to crucify Thee, and have power to release Thee?*
- *Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against Me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered Me unto thee hath the greater sin.*
- (Matt. 26:53) *Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels?*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

C. PRECIOUSNESS OF HUMAN LIVES

3. Cry of forgiveness of the Cross (Luke 23:34; Matt. 5:44)

- (Luke 23:34) *Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots.*
- (Matt. 5:44) *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

C. PRECIOUSNESS OF HUMAN LIVES

4. Triumph - It is finished on the Cross (John 19:30)

a) Accomplished – work He came to do – Mission done.

- Came to save sinners (Luke 19:10)
- Redeemed them under the Law (Gal. 4:4)
- Took away sins (1 John 3:5)

b) Performed – utmost requirements of Law

- Not only kept the Law
- Suffered its penalty and endured the curse (Gal. 3:13)

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

C. PRECIOUSNESS OF HUMAN LIVES

4. Triumph - It is finished on the Cross (John 19:30)

c) Made an end of (Isa. 53:6, 1 Pet 2:24)

- Paid for – our sins and guilt
- Sins transferred, laid upon Jesus
- The Cross is the grave of our sins.

d) Destruction of Satan's power

- Defeated foe (Col. 2:15; Jude 9 – The Lord rebukes you.)
- No claim over us (Heb. 2:14, power of death)
- Delivered from him and unto Jesus (Col. 1:13)

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

C. PRECIOUSNESS OF HUMAN LIVES

5. Prayer answered in souls saved

(Acts 2:41; 4:4; 3000, 5000 saved, added and multiplied)

- (Acts 2:41) *Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*
- (Acts 4:4) *Howbeit many of them which heard the Word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

C. PRECIOUSNESS OF HUMAN LIVES

6. Everyday Commission mandated (All Gospels, Acts 1:8)

- (Mark 16:15) *And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*
- (Matt. 28:18-20) *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.*
- *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*
- *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

C. PRECIOUSNESS OF HUMAN LIVES

7. Final great harvest

a). Building relationships

- (Ps. 126:6) *He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*

C – CULTIVATING

Make friends, know family and interest

P – PLANTING

Share prayers and blessings and meet needs

R – REAPING

Share testimonies and the Gospel.

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

C. PRECIOUSNESS OF HUMAN LIVES

7. Final great harvest

b). Witness of the Holy Spirit

- (Acts 1:8) *But ye shall receive **power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
- (John 16:8) *And when He is come, **He will reprove the world** of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

(2) FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

C. PRECIOUSNESS OF HUMAN LIVES

7. Final great harvest

c). Great multitude praises Him

- (Rev. 7:9-10) *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;*
- *And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.*

REFLECTIONS

Which of these natural perspectives do I have the hardest time dealing with: prayers unanswered, ministry unfruitful or betrayal of my Master?

Jesus saw the Father's purpose, presence and love for all man. Which of these three "lenses" would create the biggest change in my heart's perspective.

REFLECTIONS

To have divine perspectives, I need my eyes of understanding opened. How I need to purposefully pray that my eyes be opened.

- (Eph. 1:18) **The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;** *that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*
- (2 Kings 6:17) *And Elisha prayed, and said, **LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see.** And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*

REFLECTIONS

Nothing can separate me from His love. God is in control and I am more than a conqueror in and through Him (Phil. 4:13).

- (Rom. 8:37-39) *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.*
- *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,*
- *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

REFLECTIONS

Am I prepared to be a broken body and poured wine for Jesus to use to reach the world for Him?
(cf. Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24; A. Judson)

- (Rev. 5:11,12) *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain** to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*
- (Gal. 6:17) *From henceforth let no man trouble me: for **I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.***

PLEASURE IN SEEING SINNERS REPENT

1. No pleasure

- (Ezek. 18:23) **Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?** saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?
- (Ezek. 18:32) For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore **turn yourselves, and live ye.**

PLEASURE IN SEEING SINNERS REPENT

2. He is not willing that any should perish

- (2 Pet. 3:9) *“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*

PLEASURE IN SEEING SINNERS REPENT

3. He gives man time to repent because of His love and patience

- (Heb. 9:27) “*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*’

PLEASURE IN SEEING SINNERS REPENT

4. He has great joy when even one sinner turns to Him
 - (Luke 15:7) *“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.”*

5. Choose GOD, Life and Blessings

- (Deut. 30:19) *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*
- (Matt. 11:28) *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Please go through the audio twice and share three blessings that you have received. Be specific and in detail. What are the blessings? Why are you blessed? How do you apply them to stretch and grow?
2. Please share three ways how you can use the teaching in your ministry. Please give examples of the issues and your plans to resolve them and to grow. Use the what, why, when, who, where and how you will be sharing with others. Think through and be specific.



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