

**TRIUMPH OVER
TRAGEDY
THE SHEPHERD'S
CROSS**

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“O my Father, please forgive them
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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.

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*(Psalm 22:1-5) To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar,
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?*
- *O My God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.*

- *But Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.*
- *Our fathers trusted in Thee: they trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.*
- *They cried unto Thee, and were delivered: they trusted in Thee, and were not confounded.*

A. Prophetic Messianic Psalm

B. Trilogy of Psalms:

- The Good Shepherd – the Cross
- The Great Shepherd – the Crook
- The Chief Shepherd – the Crown

FULFILLMENT

A. Fulfilled all prophecies of First Coming

(332 distinct prophecies – 1 out 84 with 97 zeros).

By counsel & foreknowledge of God, (Acts 2:23)

1. His birth and birth place
2. His public ministry
3. His last days on earth

FULFILLMENT

B. Fulfilled types and offerings

1. Covering for sin and shame by coats of skin
2. More excellent sacrifice, as by Abel's lamb
3. Shelter from judgment, as by Noah's ark

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B. Fulfilled types and offerings

4. Protection from Angel of death, as by shed blood of the lamb on door posts.
5. Cure from serpent's bite, as by brass serpent
6. Provision of water of life, as by stricken rock of Moses

FULFILLMENT

C. Will fulfill those of His Second Coming

O.T. – 1500 times, 20 times concerning 2nd Coming

N.T. – one out of 25 verses deals with 2nd Coming

(Heb. 9:28) So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

FULFILLMENT

D. His aim was to incarnate His Word.

(Ps. 40:8) *I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart.*

1. 12 yrs old

"about My Father's business" (Luke 2:49)

2. 30 yrs old

"to do the will" (John 4:34; 17:4)

3. 33 yrs old

"not as I will" (Matt. 26:39; Heb. 12:2-4)

FULFILLMENT

E. We can trust and be assured of His will.

Our desire – to know Him & make Him known

1. Jesus' desire:

(John 6:29) This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.

2. Paul's desire:

(Phil. 3:10) That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death

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Our desire – to know Him & make Him known (*continued*)

3. Passion:

(Phil. 3:14) *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

(Phil. 1:21) *For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

FORSAKEN – SUFFERING IN SPIRIT

(Ps. 22:1) <*To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.*>

My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?

A. Shahar

- musical term, of sprightly moves

B. Aijeleth

- hind of the morning

1. Hind

- symbol of innocent one, hounded to death

2. Morning

- joy bursting forth after affliction

A. CRY OF AUGUISH

“My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”

(Matt. 27:46)

1. The language is abrupt, without intimation of what would produce it.
 - a. It was done and He felt the effect.
 - b. In the N.T., He cried with a loud voice, showing the extremity of pain and great earnestness of spirit.

A. CRY OF AUGUISH

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2. The question “why?” is a Hebrew expression, a more piercing one, in midst of intense suffering.
 - a. Never sorrow like this.
 - b. Formerly enjoying God’s pleasure
(Isa. 42:1; Matt. 3:17)

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3. Not an expression of impatience and despair but of alienation and yearning
 - a. Faith and feeling of rejection, wrestling in His mind
 - b. Faith still claims God as “*My Elohim*”.
 - c. Divine Name – God’s power, strength
 - d. Repetition shows depth of yearning and urgency.

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4. Feeling of divine wrath, enshrouding Him

a. “Why?”

- what is the cause?

b. “Have Thou”

- Thou, My God of comfort

c. “Forsaken”

- left me alone

d. “Me”

- Your Only Begotten Son, pure and holy

A. CRY OF AUGUISH

5. A great gulf:

“Why art Thou so far from helping Me, and from the words of My roaring?”

a. *“My roaring”* – human lamentation n strength.

b. Describing of intense suffering.

6. New Testament

- not how but that it took place.

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7. How do these two truths agree?

- a. In one sense, God never forsakes any.
- b. If there is so-called separation, there would be no more Trinity.
- c. We do not know all that is involved.
- d. The fact is that He became a curse for us.

B. Complaint of Astonishment

“O My God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.” (Ps. 22:2)

1. "My Elohim"

- Almighty, faithful and true

2. "I cry"

- conviction that cries would still be in vain

3. "Daytime ... night"

- incessant prayer

4. "Thou hearest not"

- no favorable reply

5. "No answer ... not silent"

- emotions intensified

C. Contradiction of Assignment

1. Reminder of God's character

***But** Thou art **holy**, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”*

- a. **But** – clause of counter-argument
- b. **Holy** – absolutely pure, set apart
 - 1) negatively, as separate
 - 2) positively, as pure, righteous
- c. God has shown Himself to His people.

C. Contradiction of Assignment

2. Reminder of God's past care

“Our fathers trusted in Thee: they trusted, and Thou didst deliver them. They cried unto Thee, and were delivered: they trusted in Thee, and were not confounded.”

a. God had helped in times past.

b. “Our fathers” – He descended from them

c. Trust and rescue connected

1) 3 times trusted, only once they cried.

2) The One who cried day and night, unheard

3) “Not confounded” – not disappointed

C. Contradiction of Assignment

3. Witness of the New Testament

(Heb. 5:7-9) *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;*

Though He were Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered;

And being made perfect, He became the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him;

D. Lesson of saying No to self

Renunciation of dominion, desire & devotion

1. One great Passion of Christ

- Father's will

2. His yielded rights

- “of no reputation”

a. To His glory & riches of Heaven (2 Cor. 8:9)

b. To reputation & worship (John 1:46; Gal. 3:13)

c. To be served (Mark 10:45)

d. To physical comfort & security (Luke 9:57)

e. To make decisions (John 5:17-30)

f. To His own life – obedient unto death (Phil. 2:8)

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3. Challenge

- “*I die daily*” (1 Cor. 15:31)

(Gal. 2:20) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

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1. Dying to self -

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2. Yield members:

(Rom. 6:13) ... yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

3. Be controlled:

(Eph. 5:18) And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

REJECTED AND DESPISED

(Psalm 22:6-11)

6. *But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.*
7. *All they that see Me laugh Me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,*
8. *He trusted on the LORD that He would deliver Him: let Him deliver Him, seeing He delighted in Him.*
9. *But Thou art He that took Me out of the womb: Thou didst make Me hope when I was upon My mother's breasts.*
10. *I was cast upon Thee from the womb: Thou art My God from My mother's belly.*
11. *Be not far from Me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.*

A. The Reproach

1. “A worm”
 - degradation, contempt, helplessness
2. “No man”
 - ceasing from man, rejected
3. “Laugh me to scorn”
 - mock with contempt
4. “Shoot out the lip”
 - burst open the mouth
5. “Shake the head”
 - partly of contempt, abhorrence
6. “Roll himself”
 - ironical counsel and scorn

SUFFERING IN SELF-ESTEEM

B. The Request – argument for deliverance

1. “Took me out of the womb”

- loving relationships

2. “Make me hope”

- lie securely

3. “None to help”

- none, except God alone
- HE is sufficient!

C. The Rejection

1. Of His birth
2. Of His home folks
3. Of His family
4. Of His ministry
5. Of His disciples
6. Of His friends and enemies
7. Of the Father on the Cross

D. The Challenge

(Mark 10:38) But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

(Isa. 53:7) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

D. The Challenge

(1 Pet. 2:21) For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

(Heb. 13:12) Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

(Heb. 13:13) Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

*(2 Tim. 2:12) If we suffer, we shall also reign with **him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:***

E. Redemptive Purposes

1. To make useful in saving others
2. To forge bond of divine-human suffering
3. To identify and comfort others.
4. To enter deeper into faith and obedience
5. Ultimately, to become like God

The work of obedience is the evidence that the nature of God is in us.

ANSWER ON THE CROSS

“It is finished!”

“Tetelestai” – perfect tense

A. Accomplished – work He came to do – Mission done.

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

(1 John 3:5) *And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.*

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B. Performed – utmost requirements of Law

1. Not only kept the Law (Rom. 7:12)
2. Suffered its penalty and endured the curse

(Gal. 3:13) **Christ *hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:***

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C. Made an end of

1. Paid for – our sins and guilt (Eph. 1:7)
2. Sins transferred, laid upon Jesus (1 Pet. 2:24)
3. The Cross is the grave of our sins.

(1 Pet. 2:24) Who ***His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.***

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D. Destruction of Satan’s power

1. Defeated foe (Heb. 2:14; Col. 2:15)
2. No claim over us (1 John 3:8)
3. Delivered from him and unto Jesus

(Col. 1:13) Who ***hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son:***

RISEN, ALIVE
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(Rom. 1:4) And **declared to be the Son of God** with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by **the resurrection from the dead**:

(Heb. 7:25) Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, **seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.**

(John 14:19) ... **because I live, ye shall live also.**

RISEN, ALIVE
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(Heb. 9:28) So *Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

(1 Thess. 4:16,17) For *the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout*, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

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Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

Tetelestai !

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ANSWER ON THE CROSS

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I am a child of God, a new creation in Christ, of infinite worth, deeply loved, completely forgiven, fully pleasing, totally accepted and absolutely complete in Christ Jesus, a designer original, nobody just like me.

God is my self-worth, significance, security, sustenance, strength, sufficiency and satisfaction.

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A. The finished work of Christ is sufficient, we must not add to it.

(Heb. 10:29) Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

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**B. The finished work of Christ is sufficient,
we must receive His great and loving salvation.**

(Heb. 2:3) ***How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation ...?***

(Heb. 3:15) ***While it is said, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.***

ANSWER ON THE CROSS

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**C. The finished work of Christ is sufficient,
we must give our ALL to Him.**

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YOUR ANSWER!

QUESTIONS:

1. WILL YOU TURN AWAY FROM YOURSELF AND SIN AND LOOK TO JESUS CHRIST AND BE SAVED FROM SIN AND WRATH OF GOD AND BE RECONCILED WITH GOD?
2. SINCE YOU HAVE BELIEVED, WILL YOU LOOK ONLY TO JESUS AND LIVE FOR HIM?

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TODAY?

(Heb. 3:15) *While it is said, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.*

(Isa. 1:18) *Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD: though **your sins be as scarlet**, they shall be as **white as snow**; though they be **red like crimson**, they shall be **as wool**..*

(2 Cor. 5:15) *And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.*

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ASSIGNMENTS

- 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?
- 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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