## The record of Christ shedding His blood (Quality: Very good)

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Outer streams of the full power Submets of the Holy Spirit Jesus, by thy gracious spirit, How to hope and not despair.

Let thou speak of thy merit, Wrestle of heart with God in prayer.

O soul and love, they shall save us, They shall know this, it must be, But defend, defend God's Jesus, From security and peace.

O soul and love, they shall know this, Father, lead us to behold thy heavenly sweat.

Thou, thou, thou, thou, thou, thou hast us, Bring us, let us find the cross for the end.

[2:12] In thy cross, the cross we come, Find the spirit in thy hands, Till we believe Lord rep gesehen diese.

of the Lord's help.

I venture to speak this evening from the 19th chapter in John's Gospel, verses 34 and 35.

The 34th and 35th verses in the 19th chapter of the Gospel according to John. But one of the soldiers, with a spear, pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water, and he that saw it bare record, and his record is true, and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

When we consider the gathering of the cloud of circumstance surrounding the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, it seems in many respects to be a situation out of hand, as the multitude incensed with hatred and bitterness against the innocent subject, and the fact that the powers that be seem to be absolutely helpless to administer justice, we find that the situation seems to be absolutely out of hand.

But my friends, the continual reiteration in Scripture of the fact that such and such was done that the Scripture might be fulfilled, shows to us how perfectly God was in control over every eventuality that surrounded the sufferings of his well-beloved Son.

And it can be judged to perfection that everything that concerned the sufferings of Jesus Christ was necessary to the end desire.

Not one suffering did Jesus Christ endure unrelated to the salvation of his people.

everything that was contained in that cup which his father gave to him to drink was indeed essential to the perfect deliverance of his people from all oppositions whatsoever that they may dwell in glory with God and with Jesus Christ and his blessed spirit to a never-ending eternity.

The Lord himself and those that inflicted various sorrows and sufferings upon him all were working out and walking out a perfect pattern of divine purpose to the great end that peace should be restored between God and man and that everything that would violate a pure and perfect relationship to a never-ending eternity should be taken out of the way.

[7:46] What a wonderful thing it is to consider the circumstances of the crucifixion as the Lord bruising his son and the Lord putting his son to grief the Lord as it were fulfilling that essential design that his people should be saved from all their enemies whatsoever.

After this Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished that the scripture might be fulfilled saith I thirst.

I don't think I shall ever read that narrative without thinking of the deathbed scene when I was quite a young man at Coventry.

I was present at the deathbed of our late deacon at Rehoboth Coventry Mr.

Samuel Burton and his mouth was dry and he called to his wife to apply some moisture to his lips water and before she did this one saw the tears trickling from his eyes down his cheeks and onto his pillar and his wife went to him and asked him the reason and he replied with such heart feeling I've asked for water but they gave him vinegar to drink and I believe the comparison filled his heart with a sense of God's mercy to him and his heart melted in thankfulness to the

God of all mercy that when he came to die water was available but when his Lord came to die in that cup there was bitter vinegar for him to quench his thirst my friends I spoke on Wednesday evening at Hasnington from the text if this cup may not pass from me except I drink it and meditating in that scripture further I found no sweetness no relief no mercy in in that cup that was given Jesus to drink everything was bitterness but in our cup because of his cup there is sweetness for all things shall work together for good to them that love

God and my friends though we deserve the bitterness to us is given the sweetness and even our bitterest experiences have their sweet reliefs and comforts but there was no comfort for Jesus Christ there was no relief there it was a bitter cup indeed crowned with that terrible darkness which overhung his spirit when he said why hast thou forsaken me well everything was fulfilling a purpose and nothing no nothing was in vain

Christ didn't suffer one pain unnecessary he didn't endure one trial unrelated to his purpose and responsibility that a perfect salvation should be wrought out by him for and in behalf of his dear people well then it seems amidst all these things all having their place all being so vitally necessary to the perfection of the divine purpose that our special attraction is drawn to this great work of the soldier and let me underscore the attraction the Holy

Spirit directs to this particular event in reading to you afresh John's record in verse 35 and he that saw it bear record and his record is true and he knoweth that he saith true that ye might believe why such emphasis because my friends it's so vital I suggest that all things had their place but here is something so important so important that John as it were hesitates as he's bearing testimony to the succeeding events and he says I'm speaking true I'm speaking true when I say this fact because this fact is so important that if this was not contained in the events and in the record all other would fall away as of no real value this is the very core of the matter because it concerns the requirements of God in the reconciliation of himself with his people now you may say to me

I cannot see why God must require the shedding of blood for the remission of sin my friends I can't give you an answer to the question why but I say this that it is very clear throughout the whole testimony of scripture that to forgive sins God requires the shedding of blood for without the shedding of blood is no remission of sin and really when you look through the history of scripture even from Genesis right through you see that point emphasised again and again that there is no possibility of sin being forgiven apart from the shedding of

Christ's precious blood now I know that we had in the old economy much shedding of [17:15] blood on the occasion of sacrifice and offering attended to by the Jews consistent with the ceremonial law of Moses and when we appreciate the purpose of the ceremonial law it was to show the necessity of that forthcoming sacrifice that would be enacted when Jesus the Son of God as the Lamb of God came into the world to shed his blood to offer himself a sacrifice once for sin forever and we sing a truth when we sing together from time to time not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain could give a guilty conscience ease or take away its stain in the matter of sin forgiven despite all the value that was involved in the fulfilment of the mosaic economy through the shedding of the blood of beasts almost innumerable not one sin was ever expiated pardoned as a consequence and result of the blood shedding of all those beasts they were to show to us the way by which sin is pardoned and that it is an essential with God that for sin to be forgiven blood even the pure blood of the

> Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God incarnate should be shed upon Calvary's tree behold the Lamb of God says John Baptist which taketh away the sin of the world now the greatest burden that a soul can ever carry is the burden of sin and guilt my friends what is our position if our sin is not forgiven what is our position you say oh well I've got everything heart could wish yes but how long for and what real profit is there in it all if when you die your sins are to be charged home to you that you may be banished from the presence of

> God into that place of hopelessness and helplessness and misery forever where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched my friends what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul to die an unforgiven sinner is to enter into a place of torment forever and forever and forever your reflections upon a good life your reflections upon a comfortable situation your reflections upon good health your reflections upon a prosperous pathway in this wilderness will in no wise alleviate the sorrows of your soul if so be your soul perishes under the wrath of

> God forever more and as we are all sinners and all deserve the consequence of sin under the law in the banishment of our souls from God to everlasting what a wonderful thing it is that the God against whom we have sinned has provided in himself a sacrifice sufficient to take away sin to remove guilt from the heart and conscience that the fear of eternal banishment from God shall be completely taken away and my friends here in the 34th verse of the text we have what may appear to be a simple event one among many concerning the sufferings of the

> Lord Jesus Christ some crowned him with a crown of thorns others clothed him in a purple robe some nailed his hands and his feet to the cross but amidst all these one a soldier did a work that was absolutely vital absolutely vital to the forgiveness of sins and to the peace of the hearts and consciences of the Lord's people who know themselves as sinners and know the only way by which their sin can be forgiven in the shedding of the blood of

Jesus Christ now this is why John emphasizes so clearly the record and he that saw it [25:08] bear record he that saw it bear record he saw it with his own eyes he saw that Roman soldier one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side and he saw it and my friends he was so impressed by it in the graciousness of his understanding that God had given that he said I'm going to record this in a very special way for a very special purpose and he that saw it bear record and his record is true his record is true but what is the record the record is this that with a spear the side of the

> Lord Jesus Christ was pierced and out of that side there came out blood and water a fountain was open for sin and for uncleanness leenness now John says the record is true and he that and he knoweth that he saith true that ye might believe that ye might believe here is something essential to faith essential to faith can your faith find satisfaction can it find comfort can it find rest short of this point of history that John here records you see with sin and quilt upon our consciences all things concerning the history of Jesus

Christ would not satisfy our souls if there was not such a record as is herein contained Jesus precious blood is essential to the forgiveness of our sins and the burden of our sin cannot be relieved except we are assured that Jesus Christ's sign was riven was wounded and the precious blood of atonement flowed out of that deep wound testifying sin is forgiven that

God is reconciled through the love and blood of his own dear son now these things were done that the scripture should be fulfilled a bone of him shall not be broken and again another scripture saith they shall look on him whom they pierce now it doesn't say they shall look on him whom the soldier pierced does it because we appreciate that which the soldier did was essentially related to our sin it was our sin that wounded the saviour they shall look upon him whom they pierce they pierce my friends have you ever looked by faith to the riven side of

Jesus and appreciated that apart from that riven side your sins would have been chargeable to you and would have sunk your soul in eternal misery without any hope or prospect of relief forever more but because the Lord Jesus Christ suffered as the sin bearer of his people and that he shed his heart's blood for the remission of their sins therefore therefore sin is pardoned peace is restored redemption's price is fully paid the blood of Jesus

[31:58] Christ God's son cleanseth us from all sin and he that saw it bear record and his record is true and he knoweth that he saith true oh what that meant to John to see that what that means to the whole church of Christ to see that as revealed by the Holy Spirit as the way all sin is pardoned God and the sinner reconcile through the blood of his own dear son shed upon

Calvary's tree they shall look upon him whom they pierced I want to live looking upon him I want to die looking upon him as my sin bearer and then my friends I'm fully persuaded of this as anything else that I can possibly be persuaded of that salvation will be mine forever and forever no person looked to a suffering saviour for the forgiveness of their sins and perished under their sins look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth for

I am God and there is none else they looked looked unto him and were lightened and their faces were not ashamed my friends the look of faith to the precious blood and wounded side of Jesus for the remission of our sins assures by God's word that our sins are forever and forever forgiven.

People might well say concerning the picture of the crucifixion of our precious Lord and Saviour there upon Calvary's tree a most unattractive spectacle.

But my friends, can we think of a more attractive spectacle to a poor sin-bitten sinner than to see Jesus, the suffering Saviour, shedding his precious blood that sin might be pardoned and peace with God eternally restored?

[ 35:36 ] And I make this suggestion as I close this evening. What do you think could be of greater value to a dying soul than to know their interest in Jesus' precious blood as they pass from time into eternity?

I don't think there can be anything of more value to a dying soul than the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

What a mercy if our eye is fixed there and our hearts are caused to rest there that Jesus has died to save and save forever all who put their trust in him.

Amen. Amen. Amen Blood as a voice to pierce the skies Remains the blood of my book, Lord But the deer stream when crores the slide

Sees pieces left from every vine Blood as a voice to pierce the skies Remains the blood of evil Christ But the deer stream when Christ was slain Speaks pieces left from every vine Speaks pieces left from every vine Father, man, peace from God on high

[39:12] He only lays His vengeance high And rebels that is so his soul Become the favorites of the Lord Become the favorites of the Lord To Jesus' name Now, praise His Christ Who made His life a sacrifice

Now He appears Still for the Lord And for the Father Is His blood And for the Father Is His blood Lord, we would bless Thee for that fountain That fountain that is open wide The virtue of which shall never fail To redeem sinners from their sins

Who trust their salvation to Thy hand May the grace of the Lord Jesus The love of God The communion of the Holy Ghost Be with you all Amen