

When Pain Hides the Face of God

Resurrection Sunday 2019

Matt. 27:46 NKJV

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?*”

Ps 13:1,2 NKJV

How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? ² How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *Having* sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

Gen 50:20 NKJV

But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

A Suffering God?

Luke 24:16,19-21

¹⁶ But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him...

¹⁹ And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹ But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

Luke 24:46,47 NKJV

Then He said to them, “*Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*”

Isaiah 53:3-6 NKJV

³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

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.

Acts 4:2

being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

How Does it Affect Me Today?**Firstly, it is the guarantee that my sins are forgiven!****Ro 4:25**

He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

Secondly, I Am Free From The Power of My Past**2 Cor 5:17**

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new

Thirdly, it is the end of Religion!

"We're free to live a new life in the freedom of God." Rom. 7:6b (Mes)

"The old system... was canceled because it didn't work. It was weak and useless for saving people. It never made anyone really right with God. But now we have a far better hope, for Christ makes us acceptable to God..."

Heb. 7:18-19 (LB)

"He gave His life to purchase freedom for everyone."

1 Tim. 2:6 (NLT)

"The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life."

Rom 8:13 (Msg)**Fourthly, it's Gods Power for the New Life!****A. At Conversion****Eph. 2:4-6**

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

B. For Living

Ep 1:17-20

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, **18** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, **19** and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power **20** which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,

Fifthly, I have a Hope For My Resurrection

1 Peter 1:3 Message

3-5What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now!

Ro 14:9 Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.