

Total Devotion to Jesus Part-2

Last week we looked at the plot by religious leaders to kill our Lord Jesus. While that was taking place, Mary of Bethany came with an alabaster flask full of nard, an expensive perfume worth a year's wages, broke the flask, and poured it over Jesus' head. Led by the Spirit of God, she was anointing Him for His burial. Today, let's explore our devotion further.

Sin Confessed

Isa. 59:9-15a NKJV Here we find an account of the reason that the Lord Jesus came in the first place. The state of the chosen nation of Israel was one of injustice. The nation was filled with violence, deception and injustice, and thus Israel had no peace. To some degree, this situation sounds similar to what's taking place in many nations today, including our own. Let's begin by read by hearing about the confession of sin:

V. 9 *Therefore justice is far from us, nor does righteousness overtake us; we look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness! 10. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noonday as at twilight; we are as dead men in desolate places. 11. We all growl like bears, and moan sadly like doves; we look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. 12. For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins multiply against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them; 13. In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14. Justice is turned back (vv. 4, 8, 9), and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity (or "morality") cannot enter. 15a. So truth fails, and*

*he who departs from evil makes himself a prey (or “become the next victims”). **We, too, once lived like this without the Lord!***

The Lord, Our Redeemer

15b-20 NKJV *“Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him (Lit. “it was evil in His eyes”) that there was no justice. 16. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no **intercessor**; (**SFLB WW** Heb. *paga* “Reaching God, meeting God with an urgent request, entreating Him for His favor.”) therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him.” **TPT** reads, “And then He was astonished to see that there was no champion (or “intercessor”), not even one, who would rescue the oppressed. So then His own mighty power rescued Him, and His own righteous supported Him.”*

Dr. Frank’s video of missionary from Nigeria to England, who’s called as “an intercessor” to rescue the perishing spiritually!

Our Lord spent much time in prayer for Divine intervention, and so must we if we want to see captives set free!

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V. 17a NKJV *For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head.”* **[Eph. 6:10-18 TPT** *“Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force (or “weapons”) of His explosive power flowing in & through you. 11. “Put on God’s complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies (schemings of the accuser (or “the devil”)! 12. Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of **demon-gods*** and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage.” ***TPT***

note: “The classical Greek word used here is often used to refer to conjuring up pagan deities – supreme powers of darkness mentioned in occult rituals “that hold this world in bondage”.”

13. “Because of this, you must wear **all** the armor that God provides so you’re protected as you confront the slanderer (or “devil”), for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious (or “after you have conquered, you can stand in victory”). **14.** “Put on truth as a belt to strengthen you to stand in triumph. Put on holiness (NKJV “righteousness”) as the protective armor that covers you heart. **15.** Stand on your feet alert, then you’ll always be ready to share the blessings of peace (or “having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace”). **16.** “In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows coming at you from the evil one! **17-18.** Embrace the power of salvation’s full deliverance, like a helmet to protect your thoughts from lies. And take the mighty razor-sharp **Spirit-sword** of the spoken word of God (**TPT** note: “This is the Gk word *machaira*, which was a razor-sharp Roman sword used in close combat”). Pray **passionately** (or “all desires”) in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers.” I believe Paul puts prayer last because it begins the warfare, and armor must come on first for protection!

Chapter 60 – A New Day

TPT note: “Here Isaiah begins a new section in his masterpiece. The theme of these last seven chapters is “The Glorious New Day, corresponding to the Feast of Tabernacles. The Hebrew word for “glory “ appears twenty-three times in chs. 60-66.”

Isa. 60:1-2 “Arise (or “awake, rise up”), shine.” **Becka Greenwood** “Be set on fire in order to set people free!” “For

*your light has come! And the **glory*** of the Lord is risen upon you. 2. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and **His glory*** will be seen upon you.” Holy Spirit glory!*

***SFLB WW** “Heb. *chabod*; Weightiness; that which is substantial or heavy; glory, honor, splendor, power, wealth, authority, magnificence, fame, dignity, riches and excellency. *Chabod* is God’s glory, not only His honor, renown, and majesty, but also His visible splendor, which filled Solomon’s temple & will someday fill the Earth.” “The NT Greek “*doxa*” becomes splendor, radiance, and majesty centered in Jesus. Here (**John 2:11**) *doxa* is the majestic, absolute, perfection residing in Christ and evidenced by the miracles He performed.” **Christian nations have often been the most blessed because of the liberty that the gospel brings. Socialist Communist nations: the opposite.**

Jesus’ Glory, Including Authority, Becomes Ours

John 17:22 TPT “*For the very glory You have given to Me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy.*” **TPT note:** “It is important to note that the key to unity among believers is experiencing the glory of God that Jesus has imparted to us. As one with God through faith in Christ, He shares His glory with us, since we are not “another,” but have been made one with the triune God through the blood of Jesus.”

Jesus’ glory transferred to us includes the authority of the believer over darkness (Matt. 28:18-20 NKJV “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20. Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”). With authority

comes responsibility. **Jesus glory given to us undoes the confusion of Babel, bringing unity!**

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God's Love for Jesus & Us Convinces the World

John 17:23 TPT *"You live fully in Me and now I live fully in them so that they will **experience perfect unity** (Aramaic: "shrink into one"), and the world will be convinced that you have sent Me, for they will see that You love each one of them with the same passionate love that You have for Me."*

"You are God's Beloved Child"

How great is God's love (**Rom. 8:14-16**)! So let's give the Lord Jesus our **total devotion** without reservation as much as we can, and trust Him to protect what we surrender to Him.