

If the Cross Should Speak (Poem)

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The sermon emphasizes the significance of the cross and its role in bringing salvation to humanity through faith in Christ.

Scripture: Isaiah 53:5, John 3:16, Acts 4:12, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8

Topics: "The Cross", "Eternal Salvation"

Description

George H. Alquist Jr. reflects on a powerful vision of the cross where the cross, nails, crown of thorns, and tomb speak of their roles in the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The cross laments its inability to free the Son of God, the nails express sorrow for their part in the crucifixion, the crown of thorns shares the horror of piercing Jesus' brow, and the tomb rejoices in Christ's resurrection and offer of salvation. Alquist emphasizes that these inanimate objects played a crucial role in God's plan for salvation, highlighting the importance of faith in Christ for eternal life.

Transcript

Last Night in prayer

I saw the cross

on which my Savior died.

I asked, "Dear Sir, what was it like?"

Before it spoke, it cried.

"Of all the things I could be made

why was it picked for me

that I should hold the Son of God

not able to set Him free!?

Through tears of grief it broke my heart

with mighty depth of pain

my bark drank in the blood of God
and received that holy stain."
I heard just then the nails cry out
in sorrow and dismay,
"We too were forced an awful role
that dark and gloomy day.
We trembled in the hands of men
while with their mallets grim
they forced the nails through sinless hands
with which to crucify Him."
And at this point the crown gave way
to wails of horror too;
"They took my beauty and formed me round
His beautiful brow pierced through."
They all in chorus raised one voice
with agony profuse,
"Please understand we had no choice
or power to refuse!"
But then the tomb like steeple bell
rang out with great elation,
"I could not keep Him, He rose again
to offer all salvation."
"Dear Friends", I said, "please weep no more
nor linger in despair;
for you were used of God you see
though no one was aware
To bring salvation full and free

by grace through faith in Christ,
and through belief on Jesus' name
the gift of eternal life!"

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