

The Dearworthy Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

by Julian of Norwich

The sermon emphasizes the preciousness and plenitude of Christ's blood, its power to wash away sin, and its role in salvation.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 9:14, 1 John 1:7, Revelation 1:5

Topics: "Blood Of Christ", "Salvation Through Faith"

Description

Julian of Norwich preaches about the abundant and precious blood of Jesus Christ, emphasizing its power to cleanse us from sin and bring salvation to all who believe. She describes the intense bleeding of Jesus during the Scourging, highlighting the overflowing nature of His blood that has the ability to wash away all sins. Julian reflects on how God's love is demonstrated through the sacrificial blood of Jesus, which has the power to break the chains of Hell and bring deliverance to those who belong to the Court of Heaven.

Transcript

AND after this I saw, beholding, the body plenteously bleeding in seeming of⁵⁴ the Scourging, as thus:--The fair skin was broken full deep into the tender flesh with sharp smiting all about the sweet body. So plenteously the hot blood ran out that there was neither seen skin nor wound, but as it were all blood. And when it came where it should have fallen down, then it vanished. Notwithstanding, the bleeding continued awhile: till it might be seen and considered.⁵⁵ And this was so plenteous, to my sight, that methought if it had been so in kind⁵⁶ and in substance at that time, it should have made the bed all one blood, and have passed over about.

And then came to my mind that God hath made waters plenteous in earth to our service and to our bodily ease for tender love that He hath to us, but yet liketh Him better that we take full homely His blessed blood to wash us of sin: for there is no water⁵⁷ that is made that He liketh so well to give us.

For it is most plenteous ²⁹ as it is most precious: and that by the virtue of His blessed Godhead; and it is [of] our Kind, and all-blissfully belongeth to us by the virtue of His precious love.

The dearworthy blood of our Lord Jesus Christ as verily as it is most precious, so verily it is most plenteous. Behold and see! The precious plenty of His dearworthy blood descended down into Hell and burst her bands and delivered all that were there which belonged to the Court of Heaven.

The precious plenty of His dearworthy blood overfloweth all Earth, and is ready to wash all creatures of sin, which be of goodwill, have been, and shall be. The precious plenty of His dearworthy blood ascended up into Heaven to the blessed body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and there is in Him, bleeding and praying for us to the Father,--and is, and shall be as long as it needeth;--and ever shall be as long as it needeth. And evermore it floweth in all Heavens enjoying the salvation of all mankind, that are there, and shall be--fulfilling the number58 that faileth.

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