

He Drank It Up--every Drop!

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Christ's sufferings demonstrate God's wrath and His love for humanity, providing salvation for the redeemed.

Scripture: Psalm 90:11, Isaiah 53:3, Lamentations 1:12, Luke 22:44, 1 Peter 3:18

Topics: "The Love of God", "The Suffering of Christ"

Description

Thomas Brooks preaches about the profound suffering of Jesus Christ, emphasizing that He comprehended the full extent of God's wrath as He endured immense physical and emotional pain throughout His life. From His birth to His crucifixion, every moment was filled with sorrow, culminating in His sacrificial death on the cross. Brooks highlights the depth of Christ's wounds and the weight of His burdens, illustrating that He drank every drop of suffering, leaving nothing for His redeemed people but love and salvation. The sermon calls believers to reflect on the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice and the love that motivated it, reminding them of the eternal significance of His suffering.

Transcript

"Who can comprehend the power of Your wrath?"

Psalm 90:11

Jesus Christ comprehends it, for He underwent it!

His whole life was made up of suffering.

From His birth to His death,

from His cradle to the cross,

from the womb to the tomb,

--He was a man of sorrows!

Behold His bodily sufferings--

the crown of thorns on His head,

the smiting of His cheeks,

the spitting on His face,
the scourging of His body,
the cross on His back,
the vinegar in His mouth,
the nails in His hands and feet,
the spear in His side,
His crucifixion and death on the cross

--might well astonish us!

Behold that head, before which angels cast down
themselves and worshiped--crowned with thorns!

Behold those eyes, which were purer than the
sun--put out by the darkness of death!

Behold those ears which heard nothing but halleluiahs
--hearing the blasphemies of the multitude!

Behold that lovely face--spit on by such beastly
wretches!

Behold that mouth and tongue, which "spoke as
never any man spoke"--accused of blasphemy!

Behold those hands, which freely swayed the
scepter of heaven--nailed to the cross!

Behold those feet, "like unto fine brass"
--nailed to the cross for man's sins!

Who can behold Christ thus suffering--
and not be struck with astonishment?

1 Peter 3:18, "Christ has suffered for sins once for
all, the righteous for the unrighteous." This is . . .

the wonderment of angels,

the happiness of fallen man, and

the torment of devils--that Christ has suffered.

The doleful tragedy of His sufferings is unutterable!

The sufferings of Jesus Christ were very great and

heinous. What agony, what torment was our Savior

racked with! "He was despised and rejected--a man

of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief!" Is. 53:3

He was a man of sorrows--as if He were a man made

up of sorrows! He knew more sorrows than any man,

yes, than all men ever did! We never read that Jesus

laughed at all, when He was in the world. His whole

life was filled up with sufferings.

How deep were His wounds!

How weighty His burden!

How full of trembling His cup, when He lay under

the mountains of the guilt of all the elect!

How bitter were His tears!

How painful His bloody sweat!

How dreadful His death!

Lamentations 1:12 is very applicable to Christ--

"Look and see! Is there any pain like Mine, which

was dealt out to Me, which the Lord made Me suffer

on the day of His burning anger?" What sufferings

can you think of, which Christ did not suffer? Christ

suffered in His birth, and He suffered in His life,

and He suffered in His death. He suffered in His

body, for He was diversely tormented. He suffered

in His soul, for His soul was exceedingly sorrowful. He suffered in His estate, they parted His clothing, and He had nowhere to rest His head. He suffered in His reputation, for He was called a Samaritan, a devilish sorcerer, a drunkard, an enemy to Caesar, etc. He suffered from heaven, when He cried out, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?" He suffered from the earth, being hungry. He suffered from hell, Satan assaulting and encountering Him with his most black and horrid temptations. He began His life lowly and basely, and was sharply persecuted. He continued His life poorly and distressedly, and was cruelly hated. He ended His life woefully and miserably, and was most grievously tormented with whips, thorns, nails; and, above all, with the terrors of His Father's wrath and horrors of hellish agonies! Who can compute how many vials of God's inexpressible, insupportable wrath, which Christ drank? Yet, He drank it up--every drop, leaving nothing behind for His redeemed people--but large draughts of love and salvation!

The death of Christ on the cross was . . .

a bitter death,

a sorrowful death,

a bloody death.

The bitter thoughts of His sufferings put Him into a most dreadful agony: "Being in an agony, He prayed

more earnestly, and His sweat was as great drops of
blood falling to the ground." Luke 22:44

Nothing could fasten Christ to the cross--but the
golden link of His free love! Oh, what a wonder of
love is this--that Jesus Christ, who is the author of
life, the fountain of life, the Lord of life--that He
should so freely, so readily, so cheerfully lay down
His life for us!

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