

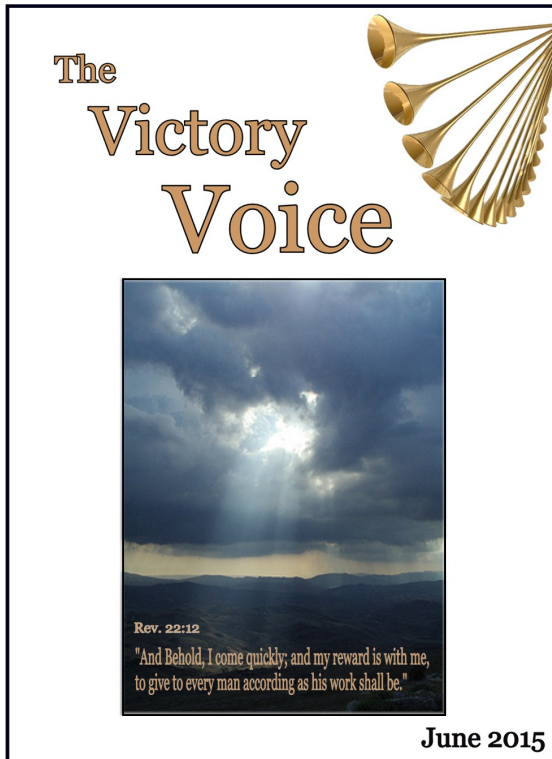
The Victory Voice



Rev. 22:12

"And Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me,
to give to every man according as his work shall be."

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Are Heaven and Hell Real?

by Dr. Elmo Parker

There are those who have not yet died who say that there is no Hell. But there is One who did die and went to hell and preached. The Bible declares:

1Pe 3:18 *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

1Pe 3:19 *By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;*

I'm willing to take His Word for it, in finding out whether or not there is a Hell. I want to talk about the predicament of man and of the heavenly invitation given to man.

Man today is in an awful predicament. First of all, beneath you is a fiery Hell! We are either headed up or down. We are all without salvation, potential residents of Hell. We are born in sin, and we ourselves have sinned.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world: and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12)

Heaven and Hell are true and real. You must be saved to escape Hell and enter Heaven. Hell is a place, a real place.

It is logical that God, Who is a God of fairness, would prepare a place for those who do not wish to be with Him in Heaven. Therefore He made it so that anyone who willfully and knowingly, wishes not

to live eternally with God will get to live apart from Him in Hell. God, in His infinite fairness, has prepared this alternative.

I've often preached that you can go to Hell. But, I long to have the strength and power sufficient to convince every person to consider the alternative as it is—not as a lot of people seem to think it is. Don't get so loose with the Scriptures that you begin to say, "Well, I don't know and I don't care." There are those of you who would not dare to live in a one room house; with no money to buy any of the conveniences. If it takes all of that for you to be happy on this earth, you'd better not go to Hell. I want to remind you that you ought to consider going to Hell as a bad alternative. There is no air-conditioning in Hell. After the temperature has soared beyond three hundred degrees for one thousand years—there'll still be no let-up in sight. So if heat bothers you, you'd better not go to Hell. Because, this Bible says it's a place of unthinkable heat. The heat there will never diminish. When the temperature gets up to the upper nineties it begins to really bother me.

Even if I thought I could tolerate the heat, I'd have to deal with the fact: would I dare the risk of going to a place where God is not? I don't want to wake up any time or



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place without the presence of God. Hell is a place where there is no LOVE OF GOD. The love of God does not dwell in Hell. God's love is the explanation for my existence and my welfare. It's the love of God and the grace of God that sustain me. So to be shut off—not for one hour... one day... one year... but for ETERNITY in a place where there is no grace of God, would be intolerable. The thought that in Hell there is no love of God, no mercy on me, is beyond comprehension. Just the thought of it is more than I can bear.

Let me assure you that there are souls in Hell. There is a false doctrine going around that the grave is Hell, and death itself brings to an end of all life, and when you're dead, you're dead. But the Bible tells us in Luke 16 when the rich man died, *"in hell he lifted up his eyes."* Now he could feel the flames. He could remember when he was on the earth. He saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. He was so alive that he was praying in Hell. But prayers prayed in Hell are prayers prayed too late.

We are here in comfort and convenience. Maybe your job is secure and your payments are under control. But I ask you right now, if death should strike you down, where would you lift your eyes? There's only one thing that condemns a person to Hell, and that is his failure to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

The Bible reveals that an unbeliever may pray using any other name, but God does not hear or answer that prayer. "In Jesus' Name," that's the prayer of faith. If a Muslim asks God to

save him and he uses Jesus' Name, God will save him. If a Jew wants to reach God, then Jesus' Name is the passport to God. But in a world of enlightenment—a world that's got the Bible—if a person prays, but denies that Jesus is the Christ, even if he falls down on his knees and tries to get to the Father—denying that Jesus is the Christ, God will not hear him. If you are dallying around with something else—it matters not how sincere you are—*"There is no other Name, under heaven, given among men where by we must be saved"*—that Name is JESUS (Acts 4:12).

Somebody would say, you mean all these other folks will be lost? I mean the Bible says that all these other folks are already lost. *"He that believeth not shall be damned"* (Mark 16:16b). But what if they're sincere? The prophets of Baal sincerely called upon their god in I Kings 18. They called all day long but the fire didn't fall. When you pray it's not a ceremony, it's not just mouthing pious words. When you pray you want something to fall. You want fire to fall. You want that blessed assurance that God has heard your prayer. That's why you need to pray God's appointed way. He hasn't declared that those who keep the commandments shall not go to Hell, or those who are kind to strangers. There's only one criterion, and that's when you accept the Name of Jesus as your key to entrance into Heaven.

Man faces some very bad prospects. It is impossible to stay where we are, because we're surrounded by an unfriendly world. This is a world that is running out of everything. They're predicting that we will run out of gas, oil, pure water, and air. If muggers and robbers don't get you, then sickness and sorrow will. This is an unfriendly world. If you don't invite trouble,

trouble will knock on your door. If all these other things don't get you, then time itself will get you. Time will turn your hair white or take it and leave you bald. Time will pluck out your teeth, dim your eyes and put lumbago in your back, and rheumatism in your legs. Time will finally put you in your grave. Our path needs to be turned around.

Down is the wrong direction. To go down is to end in misery. When you go down, you are in the home of fallen angels. Your neighbors are demons. When you go to Hell, there's no such thing as excellence, wonderful, or marvelous, etc. But rather malice, envy, and strife. Violence and misery are what you'll experience. No such thing as decency and righteousness in Hell because God's Son of Righteousness does not dwell in Hell.

HOW TO LOOSE YOUR CHILDREN!

by Dr. J. Vernon McGee



Exo 10:8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: *but* who *are* they that shall go?

Exo 10:9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we *must hold* a feast unto the LORD.

Exo 10:10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look *to it*; for evil *is* before you.

Exo 10:11 Not so: go now ye *that are* men, and serve

the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

Pharaoh told Moses that the adults could go into the wilderness and sacrifice but they were to go without the children. Pharaoh suspected, undoubtedly, that if Israel would go three days' journey into the wilderness they would keep going. He wants to stop them, and he knows that if he keeps the children, the adults will come back.

Just as Pharaoh tempted and tested Moses with compromise, so the child of God today is tempted with compromise. Children all across the country are being brought up in an educational system that is absolutely contrary to the teachings of Christianity. The child of God is told that he must learn to get along in the world, make all the money he can, and get involved in the world. I have been a pastor for over thirty years, and again and again I have seen Christian parents want the best for their children. They want them to have the best education. They want them to succeed and be rich. One after another has fallen and departed from the Lord. Many members of churches I have served have lost their children to the world. Wanting the "best" of the world for their children is the most subtle temptation that can come to Christian parents.

What do you expect, my friends, when you send your children to these worldly institutions and they come home thoroughly brain-washed? Why do you say, "My, how could he do that when he was brought up in a Christian home?" The problem is that he was not actually raised in a Christian home. The parents of many young people may be lovely Christian people but they did not really train their children in Christian precepts and values. They were so anxious and ambitious for them to get on in the world that they lost them.

Moses and Aaron would not accept Pharaoh's compromise. There is a lesson here for the modern-day Christian. God called Israel to leave Egypt "lock, stock, and barrel." The children were not to be left in Egypt to be raised in their educational system. If we expect to bring our children up in the wisdom of the world and expect them to pour all of their energies into becoming successful, we should also be prepared to lose them to the world.



What is Death?

by Dr. R. B. Ouellette

Death is an enemy! The Bible says, “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death” (I Corinthians 15:26). Death is viewed as dark, dreadful; the awful end of a pointless existence. But, there is much more to death than that for the child of God. Or, should I say, much less? The poet John Donne was correct when he wrote, “Death be not proud. though some have called thee mighty and dreadful, for, thou art not so. . .” The Bible says that “them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” — I Thessalonians 4:14

About this time last year, Dr. Milford Biddle preached for us. Bro. Biddle was close to his 89th birthday. He was an amazing Christian, a true Southern gentleman, and a great student of the Word of God. He was a wonderful testimony in every way. Not long after his time with us, Bro. Biddle preached another meeting.

When he didn’t eat breakfast, some folks thought it a bit curious. When he was not at the motel lobby at the appointed time for his ride, they began to become more concerned. It was discovered that Bro. Biddle had gone to bed that night and, some time after midnight, had slipped out into eternity to be with the Lord he loved so well and served so long. He had what we would call an easy crossing. Nearly everyone I know sleeps most days. They do not fear it, dread it, or face it with trepidation. In fact, most of them look forward to it. What is death for the child of God?

I. Death is a Departure

“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.” — (II Timothy 4:6) The word *death* means a separation. Physical death is a separation of the body from the soul and spirit. (The soul is that part of us which is self-conscious and the spirit is that part of us

which is God-conscious.) Spiritual death is the separation of the soul from God for eternity. A child of God never experiences spiritual death.

II. Death is a Deception

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” — (Psalm 23:4) I must confess that for a long time I misunderstood this verse. I thought of it as if it had said, “the shadowy valley of death.” But it doesn’t. It says the valley of the shadow of death. I pictured this valley as so dark, so deep and so steep that the sun only hit the bottom for a few moments at the exact middle of the day. Jagged rocks made it impossible for anyone to escape from this “shadowy valley of death.” What the Bible is really saying is not that death takes place in a shadowy valley, but that death, for the child of God, is nothing more than a shadow.

I must have been about four years old when I discovered a shadow. I was required to take a nap every afternoon, though I never felt that I needed one. (I later learned that naps are not primarily for the children, they are primarily for the parents.) I lay on my bed with the sun streaming in the window behind my head. In my boredom, I must have lifted my hand up because I suddenly saw a dark shape on the wall in front of me. I sat up to see what it was, and the shape immediately became larger. I must have cried out in alarm because my mother came into the room and explained to me that what I was seeing was merely a shadow. There wasn’t really anything on the wall, it was just what happened

when my hand or my head came between the light and the wall.

I’ve been bitten by dogs, but never by the shadow of a dog. I’ve been cut by knives, but not by the shadow of a knife. The shadow of a gun cannot shoot me. The shadow of a fist cannot harm me. And the shadow of death can look dark and dreadful, but it has no substance for the one who knows the Shepherd.

III. Death is a Delight

“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.” {Psa.116:15}

“For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.” — (I Corinthians 13:12)

I read recently the biography of Fanny Crosby. This amazing lady, blinded as a young girl, had such a sweet and marvelous spirit.

The poems that she wrote were much longer, in many cases, than the hymns we sing from them. She might have written eight, nine, or even ten stanzas, but only three, four or five, have been published in the hymn-book.

It amazes me to think that she could keep all these ideas, thoughts, and words in her head and dictate them so someone could put them down on paper. Fanny Crosby faced her last years with great grace. On her 90th birthday, she spoke of the hope that had sustained her, the hope that was the message of her poems, and the home that was available to every child of God.



DR. R. B. OUELLETTE

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Fanny Crosby wrote,

When my lifework is ended,
and I cross the swelling tide,
When the bright and glorious morning I shall see;
I shall know my Redeemer when I reach the other side,
And His smile will be the first to welcome me.
Oh, the soul-thrilling rapture
When I view His blessed face,
And the luster of His kindly beaming eye;
How my full heart will praise Him
For the mercy, love and grace,
That prepare for me a mansion in the sky.
“Through the gates to the city in a
In a robe of spotless white,
He will lead me where no tears will ever fall;
In the glad song of ages I shall mingle with delight;
But I long to meet my Savior first of all.
I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
And redeemed by His side I shall stand,
I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
By the print of the nails in His hand.

She also wrote:

Face to face with Christ, my Savior,
Face to face—what will it be?
When with rapture I behold Him,
Jesus Christ who died for me.
Only faintly now, I see Him,
With the darkling veil between,
But a blessed day is coming,
When His glory shall be seen.
What rejoicing in His presence,
When are banished grief and pain;
When the crooked ways are straightened,
And the dark things shall be plain.

Face to face I shall behold Him,
Far beyond the starry sky;
Face to face in all His glory,
I shall see Him by and by!

IV. Death is a Deliverance

“And it came to pass, that the beggar died,
and was carried by the angels into Abra-
ham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and
was buried; “— (Luke 16:22) If I read my
Bible correctly, the old spiritual is right
when it says,

I looked over Jordan,
and what did I see?
Coming for to carry me home,
A band of angels coming after me,
Coming for to carry me home.

Years ago, I spoke with Dr. Darrell Champlin, one of the finest missionaries I have ever been privileged to meet. Bro. Champlin asked me to pray for a sister-in-law of his who was also a missionary (Bro. Champlin married a Grings, the daughter of a missionary and one of five children of Missionary Bro. Herbert Grings. All of the Grings children and many, many of their descendants - up to five generations - are on the mission field.)

He explained to me that the sister-in-law had had cancer and was going to see a doctor. He told me that he feared she would get some bad news. My assumption was that the bad news would be that the cancer was back and she might not live long. But he disabused me of that notion when he made his next statement. He said, “She is very afraid the doctor will not let her return to the mission field.” “You see,” he continued, “in our family, the worst thing we could imagine happening to us is to die in America.” Death held no fear for Bro. Champlin or his family. Death was the final act of life which delivers us from the bondage and the burdens of earth to the boundless blessings of Heaven.

the story behind the song

William R. Newell (1868-1956) is remembered fondly as a pastor, evangelist, Bible teacher, author, conference speaker and writer of the beloved hymn "At Calvary." And he is remembered as a humble man who recognized that it was only by the grace of God that he was able to accomplish so many good things.

William was a very troubled and wayward teenager. In desperation, his father wrote to the president of Moody Bible Institute, and begged him to allow the enrollment of his son. Since the college was open to serious Bible students, the president was at first resis-

tant, but finally agreed that Newell would be enrolled with the provision that he would meet with the president daily, and would take his studies seriously.

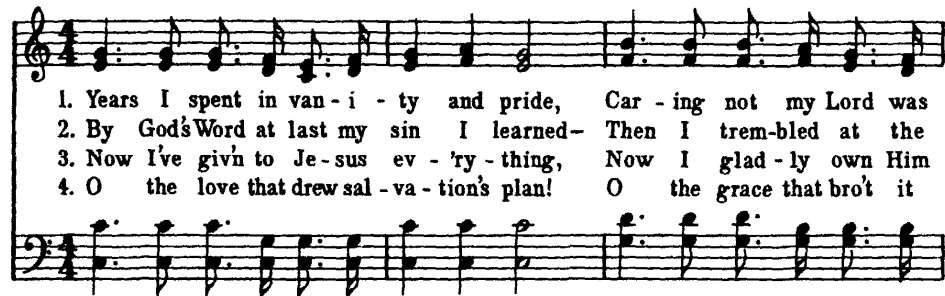
A father's prayers, a college president's commitment, and the three steps forward, two steps back efforts of Newell eventually resulted in the young man not only graduating, but several years later returning to Moody Bible Institute as a teacher.

In 1895, William Newell put the testimony of his life into poetry format. His friend and fellow Bible teacher, Doctor Daniel Towner, Director of music at Moody Bible, read the words and knew they would be powerful when put to music. The result was the beautiful hymn, "At Calvary."

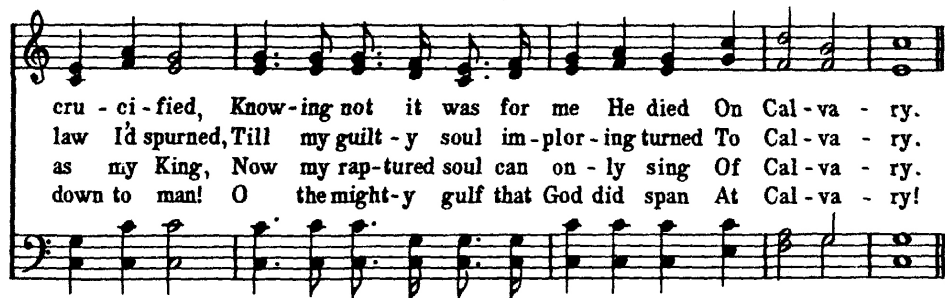
At Calvary

WILLIAM R. NEWELL, 1868-1956

DANIEL B. TOWNER, 1850-1919

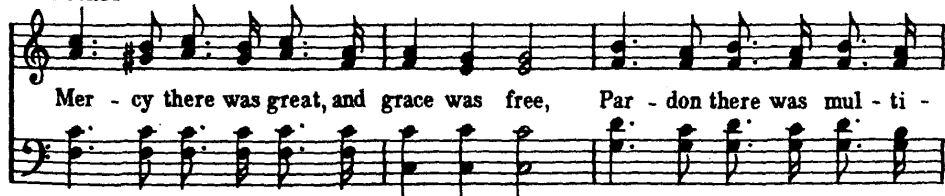


1. Years I spent in van-i-ty and pride, Car-ing not my Lord was
 2. By God's Word at last my sin I learned- Then I trem-bled at the
 3. Now I've giv'n to Je-sus ev-ry-thing, Now I glad-ly own Him
 4. O the love that drew sal-va-tion's plan! O the grace that bro't it



cru-ci-fied, Know-ing not it was for me He died On Cal-va-ry.
 law I'd spurned, Till my guilt-y soul im-plor-ing turned To Cal-va-ry.
 as my King, Now my rap-tured soul can on-ly sing Of Cal-va-ry.
 down to man! O the might-y gulf that God did span At Cal-va-ry!

CHORUS



Mer-cy there was great, and grace was free, Par-don there was mul-ti-



plied to me, There my bur-den-ed soul found lib-er-ty-At Cal-va-ry.

THE CRY OF A LOST SOUL!

(PREACHED AT EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—PONTIAC, MI—1962)

BY DR. TOM MALONE Sr.

John 19:16-30

After this, Jesus knowing all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. (John 19:28)

Two words in verse 28 comprise the fifth saying of Jesus on the cross: "I thirst." This is another one of those great and wonderful statements out of the Bible that we preachers feel almost reluctant to approach and to preach from. This is a most deep and mysterious thing, that on the cross the Lord Himself would say, I thirst. He who

made the great Amazon, the greatest river in the world, and all the oceans and seas and every little stream and river and lake and creek He who is the source of every drop of water on earth, while dying on the cross, said, I thirst. Two words in the English translation and only one in the Greek New Testament, I thirst—you certainly would never find a more comprehensive test than this.

Just think about it; just pitch your mental tent upon it. The more you think, the more comprehensive it becomes. I thirst is expressive. It tells us so much about Jesus and His love and His plan of salvation for us. It is tragic enough to make us weep. If you can sit and hear the Scripture read about Jesus' dying on the cross, robed in blood and crowned with thorns and not be moved, then I pity you.

It is a tragic verse; it is a searching verse; it is a tender verse; it is an instructive verse. Five simple truths have come to my heart as I studied this and other Scriptures throughout the Bible related to this fifth saying of Jesus on the cross.



DR. TOM MALONE

1. "I thirst," was a Fulfillment of Bible Prophecy. This saying of Jesus is another fulfillment of Bible prophecy. We cannot put too much emphasis on the fact that the death of Jesus was according to Scripture and that everything about His death on the cross of Calvary was just as God planned it. Three verses make us know that beyond any doubt.

In John 10:17 and 18, Jesus said, I lay down my life, and I have power to take it again Don't think of Jesus as a martyr. Don't think that Jesus died because He was forced to die. When He said, I have power to take it again, He proved it. Jesus didn't have to die. He died because He meant to, He planned to. He said more than once, For this hour came I into the world. So the death of Jesus was not accidental or something that God didn't expect, but the Lord planned it. Before He ever hung a star in the sky, sun, moon, or earth; before God ever made anything, He planned that Jesus would die for your sins and mine. Read Revelation 13; there verse 8 says, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. So before the foundation of the world was ever laid in the mind, heart and the counsel of God, Jesus, His Son was already slain.

I was a Christian a good many years and a preacher of the Gospel, before the glorious truth came to me that the death of Jesus was all according to a pattern, a divine blueprint, all according to the counsel and will of the eternal God. Everything man did, God was letting him do to make the wrath of man to praise Him.

Paul , when he was trying to explain what the Gospel is to the Corinthians, in chapter 15 of his first Epistle, in verse 3, said, how that Christ died for our sins Should we stop there? Oh, no! This Bible

says He died for our sins according to the scriptures. What Scriptures? Start at Genesis and read through the Bible; again and again you will read how God planned the death of His Son. So when Jesus, on the cross, cried in the midst of His awful suffering and anguish, I thirst, it was another fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Way back in Psalm 69 we read two prophetic expressions: In my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink -talking about Jesus. And, I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried. So Psalm 69 prophesied that, in the midst of His death, Jesus would cry, I thirst. That leads me to this text: After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished. As far as I can tell, everything about His death had been fulfilled except this thing and two others when He would commend His Spirit to God, and when He would cry, It is finished. This verse says, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished that is , one Scripture after another had already been fulfilled. Sixteen Bible prophecies had already been fulfilled in the death of Jesus up to this point. When He cried, I thirst, already sixteen glorious prophecies had come to pass. His betrayal, being forsaken by His disciples, the false accusations, His silence before His accusers, gambling for His garments. dying between two thieves, praying for them as He died, buried in a rich man's tomb, - all fulfilled in the death of Jesus, just as the Bible said. This means here is a Book upon which you can absolutely depend. The more I study the Bible, the more I am amazed at its accuracy. Nothing irritates me more and tries my patience more than for somebody to cast reflection on the Word of God. Nothing gets me standing on my two hind legs more than to hear someone raise a question as to whether or not that Book is the eternal Word of God.

Brother, whatever that Book says is the Word of God. I may not always be able to ex-

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plain exactly what it says and I know I shall not always understand what it says, but I'm convinced that this Scripture is given by inspiration of God and the Book came right from the very mouth of God Himself. But you would be surprised at how many do not believe that this Bible is the Word of God.

Here is a Book that does not say, I suppose. It says that we can know. I believe the Bible. Many of you young people go to a school where this old Book never is attacked; where it is defended as the eternal Word of God. If you young people are ever exposed to a Ph.D. who has no better sense than to deny the truth of God's holy Word and especially the book of Genesis, just remember that this old Bible has proven itself. Ever since the very first word of it was written, it has been burned at the stake; it has been sunk at sea; it has wars fought about it; it has been soaked with blood. Kings have set themselves against it. Whole empires have set out to destroy it. But here it is tonight. No wonder Jesus said, Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my word shall never pass away.

Let me read you something said about the Word of God by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is called the Right Reverend Michael Ramsey. The bitterest attack against the Bible and against Jesus does not come from the slums or the gutter, but from high places.

There is more darkness in pulpits than in anything in the world. The Archbishop of Canterbury said about the creation of men: It's the story of the disobedience of Adam and Eve. There is no necessity for a Christian to believe it to be history. Indeed, there is reason why it cannot be literal history. [In other words, it couldn't have happened like the Bible says.] There is no need to suppose that primitive mankind was perfect. [He sees no reason to believe that Adam was perfect.] The fall, as Christians call the disaster [In God's name, I wonder what he would call it!] need not have been a crash from primitive perfection. That has indeed been, not only the emergence of our race from an animal ancestry, [Do you hear that? We come from monkeys, and I'm inclined to believe he did!] but the genuine moral and spiritual progress of our race. [In other words, we are getting better and better. One of these days according to him, we will get so good that the Lord can't stand Heaven any longer without us and He will come after us.] Don't you ever believe that. But this is what some say about the Bible. This saying of Jesus is just another wonderful proof that this Bible has a most beautiful pattern. And in this Bible, the Old Testament reaches over into the New and the New reaches back into the Old and everything dovetails. There is not one error, not one mistake. It has a grand and glorious, harmonious pattern, and I believe every word of it. Like the old preacher said down South, I believe it from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21, and I even believe HOLY BIBLE on the cover!

Oh how we need to love the Bible as Jesus loved it! He wanted to be sure everything was fulfilled. Knowing that all things were accomplished Jesus kept in mind there was a count-down. One was fulfilled, then another, and another, and another until He got down to where only two or three were left and knowing that all things were now fulfilled He saith, I thirst. In substance, Jesus said, I want it to come to pass just exactly like God's Book says. Jesus loved the Scriptures. When they would talk to Jesus, He would answer them, What saith the scripture? It is written; Have ye not read? He always referred to the Bible. Jesus loved the Bible. And every question raised about this Bible is a question raised about Jesus Christ.

2. "I Thirst." I see from this cry of Jesus, I thirst, a demonstration of His humanity. Something we don't hear much about is the humanity of Jesus. We talk much, and rightfully so, about the deity of Jesus, but there was in Jesus a perfect union of both deity and humanity. First Timothy 3:16 says, the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh." Incarnation means that there was perfect deity and a perfect human body combined into one. That is what the virgin birth entails; that's what incarnation means. And Jesus crying I thirst, is another proof that Jesus was human.

The things that happened to Jesus, happen to you and me the same way. For instance, Jesus got tired. The body of Jesus was subject to fatigue. We read in John 4:6: being wearied with his journey, He sat thus on the well. Jesus was hot and tired. He perspired and sat on the well to rest. Jesus' body hungered for food just like yours and mine. After forty days in the wilderness without bread and water, we read in Matthew 4:2, he was afterward an hungered. Beautiful it is to me that Jesus knew what it meant to crave food. Beautiful it is to me that Jesus knew what it meant to crave sleep. When the old storm was raging on the boat, we read in Mark 4:38, And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow. Since a little baby, that may be the only pillow Jesus knew anything about.

He said, Foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. But on the vessel on the stormy sea, they found Him asleep with His head on a pillow. He was tired, He got hungry, and He craved sleep.

Jesus wept just like you and I weep (John 11:35). He knew what it meant to be happy. Luke 10:21: Jesus rejoiced in spirit. He had all the emotions you and I have except one, and I'll mention that in a moment.

Yes, Jesus knew what it was to get angry. In Mark 3:5 we read, he had looked round about on them with anger. It is no sin to be angry if you are angry at the right thing. A person ought to be angry with the Devil and with sin and with wrong. It is a sin for one to lose his temper, but the Bible says Jesus looked about them with anger. Jesus had a human body; He knew what it meant to get thirsty. And here on the cross He cried, I thirst.

Now here is the exception with Jesus. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." (Heb.4:15). Jesus' body craved food, thirsted and hungered, but He never sinned. He had a perfect human body. Thank God, that's why Jesus came! He can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He walked in every step you and I are called upon to walk in. When you are sick, remember that Jesus knew what it was to have a feverish brow on the cross.

When you go to an open grave, remember that Jesus stood at one and wept. Sometimes when I get so weary I can hardly put one foot in front of the other, I remember that Jesus got tired. He had a human body. I'm glad He did. It makes me know that He sympathizes with me in every step of my life.

3. "I Thirst," - I see from this cry an insatiable love. When Jesus cried, I thirst, I think

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He thirsted for more than water. The Bible says, He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied. That thirst involved more than a drink of water. When Jesus came to that well as recorded in chapter 4 of John and met the woman at the well, He sat there tired and dusty from a long journey. He said to the woman there, Give me to drink. He asked for water. The woman said, Why do you a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink? Samaritans are half Jew and half Gentile and they have no dealings with one another, then or now.

Then she said to Him, The well is deep, and you have nothing to draw with. Finally Jesus said, If you knew who it is that asked of you to give him a drink, you would ask water of him. And Jesus said, Whosoever drinks this water shall thirst again, but whosoever shall drink of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. The she said, Give me this water, that I thirst no more. You read and read and read, but you never read where Jesus got a drink. He started out saying, Give me to drink, but perhaps He never got one. But He got something else, a soul saved - and that quenched His thirst. That was greater than His physical thirst.

When Jesus cried on the cross, I thirst, I believe He thirsted for the souls of men more than anything. I don't think you could give Jesus anything that would please Him more than to give Him yourself.

4. "I Thirst," showed Unparalleled Suffering. When He said, I thirst, it was not only a cry of insatiable love but a cry of unparalleled suffering. I would to God that I had the words of an angel to describe the sufferings of Jesus!

When He said, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? it was the suffering of the soul. When He cried, I thirst, it was the suffering of his tormented body.

Think for a minute now why Jesus was so thirsty. He was in the Upper Room and instituted the Lord's Supper. After He went out of the Upper Room, Jesus walked to the Garden of Gethsemane, and all along the journey He preached. Chapters 14, 15 and 16 of John are a long discourse call the Paschal Discourse, and Jesus preached that between the Upper Room and the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Night before He was crucified, He preached at least three hours. Then after He preached, He went to the Garden. You know what happened there. He prayed. Then He would go back to the disciples, then pray again. He would fall on His face and go a little farther. Finally, the Bible explains how Jesus, being in agony and sorrow, prayed and cried, Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not my will but thine be done. Then the Bible says He perspired. Not water, but drops of blood. Still no water. All night long, after three hours of preaching and praying until His soul broke through His body and He literally perspired blood from His pores—still no water.

Morning comes and He stands before Pilate's judgment hall. He is condemned to die. They put a cross on Him, and by about noon, He travels about a mile down the little narrow streets. He staggers under the load and the hot sun beats upon Him - still no water. For three long hours the hot sun of that land beat upon Jesus—still no water.

All of a sudden, God pushes the sun back into oblivion and hangs a midnight shroud around the earth and Jesus hangs in darkness three more hours—still no water. Would you not want a drink if you had not had one for twenty-four hours and you had preached a three-hour

sermon, prayed until blood ran from your pores, been beaten all night, and dragged from one judgment hall to another, and hung six hours on a cross, three hours in the hot sun!

Out of the midst of all of this suffering, Jesus cried, "I thirst." He suffered from physical and mental and spiritual pain. He suffered from the hands of men and from God and from Satan. Let me tell you, Jesus suffered for you and for me! We will never know how deep was the anguish of the Son of God on that awful day.

5. "I Thirst," was the Cry of a Lost Soul. Not only does it speak of unparalleled suffering, but it was the cry of a lost soul. You read of this in chapter 16 of Luke. Jesus told of two men. There was a poor man who lay at the rich man's gate and he was a beggar. The dogs came and licked his sores. The rich man fared sumptuously every day.

I have often thought about his table. It was clothed in fine linen. He no doubt had wine goblets and all kinds of liquid. But one day that old beggar died and they wrapped him up in a piece of tow sack, took him out to Potter's Field and buried him without ceremony. That is what man saw. But, bless God, Heaven saw something else. Heaven sent angels for pallbearers and he was taken immediately into Paradise.

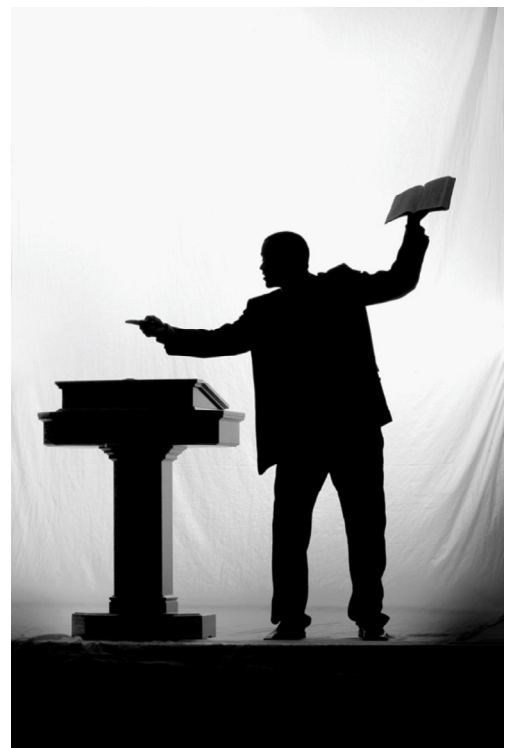
The rich man died and went to Hell. And in Hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. The cry of a lost soul in Hell is for water and for mercy. When Jesus cried, I thirst, He was suffering the pangs of Hell for every lost soul.

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