

“THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS”

Seven Statements From The Cross

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I. INTRODUCTION:

- a. Nathan Hale:
 - i. I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country
- b. Major John Andre (British Spy)
 - i. "I pray you to bear me witness that I meet my fate like a brave man."
- c. Ludwig van Beethoven,
 - i. Friends applaud, the comedy is finished.
- d. Napoleon Bonaparte, French Emperor, May 5, 1821
 - i. Josephine...
- e. Stonewall Jackson:
 - i. Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees
- f. Robert E Lee:
 - i. Strike the tent
- g. General John Sedgwick, Union Commander, d. 1864, just before being shot by a Confederate sniper.
 - i. They couldn't hit an elephant at this dist. . . .
- h. Horatio Nelson:
 - i. Thank God, I have done my duty.
- i. Elizabeth I, Queen of England, d. 1603
 - i. All my possessions for a moment of time.
- j. Mohammd:
 - i. "May Allah Curse the Jews and Christians"

II. GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

- a. *Luke 23:34 (KJS) Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.*
- b. Do you know what you find when you look into the Heart of Jesus? The first thing you find is Grace and Forgiveness
- c. You may say, "I don't deserve forgiveness, well you've come to the right place because only a man who is underserving can receive Grace!"
 - i. *John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*
 - ii. *Roma 5:6 (KJS) For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. {in due time: or, according to the time}7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*
 - iii. *Ephe 4:31 (KJS) Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and*

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*clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one
another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

III. POWER TO REDEMN AND DELIVER

- a. *Luke 23:42 (KJS) And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*
- b. Not only does Jesus have the will to forgive, but He has the Power to redeem.
- c. Jesus revealed His authority to forgive our transgressions and give us a new heart when He promised this vile thief that he would be with Him in Paradise when he died.
- d. What a Treasure there is in the words that Jesus speaks to this dying thief:
 - i. Today- What Speed: Not tomorrow or 1000 years from now, but Today!
 - ii. You- What Comfort! Not others, but you!
 - iii. Will be-What Assurance! This is not a maybe, or hope so, but rock solid assurance
 - iv. With Me- What Company!, to be with Jesus!
 - v. In Paradise-What Provision! He has prepared a place for us!
- e. *Hebr 7:25 (KJS) Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. {to the...: or, evermore}*
- f. From the Guttermost to the uttermost
- g. This man could not work for his salvation. He was dying.
- h. How do you spell salvation?
 - i. Do or Done?

IV. SELFLESS LOVE AND COMPASSION

- a. *John 19:26 (KJS) When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own [home].*
- b. SERVANT; CARING FOR OTHERS.
 - i. You will never be happy if you spend all trying to serve self, You will surely be happy if you spend all in the service of others for the glory of God.
 - ii. One of the greatest cures for depression and feeling sorry for yourself is to get out and reach out a hand to someone else in need.

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For in giving of yourself to help heal someone else hurt you actually minister to yourself. (“Give and it shall be Given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over.”---This verse although often used of material possessions is most true of other things such as love, forgiveness, kindness, etc.)

- c. *Matt 25:37 (KJS) Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed [thee]? or thirsty, and gave [thee] drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took [thee] in? or naked, and clothed [thee]? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me.*
- d. **“Others, Lord, Yes, others, let this my motto be That as I live for others, I might live for thee.**
- e. **Selfless person doesn’t think less of himself than he does others, he simply thinks of himself less.**
- f. **He looks through windows, and not at mirrors.**

V. FAITHFULNESS OF GODS PROMISES

- a. *John 19:28 (KJS) After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.*
- b. Jesus had said in the Garden: “Not my will but yours be done.” As He hung upon the cross, His physical body being in need of water, He calls out the Bible says, “that the Scripture be fulfilled”. He was going to obey the will of God for His earthly life down to the last detail.
 - i. *Psalms 69:21 (KJV) 21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.*
 - ii. *Psal 22:15 (KJS) My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.*
- c. Jesus is the prophesied Messiah. His coming is foretold.
 - i. *Reve 13:8 (KJS) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*
 - ii. Gen: Bruise the head of Satan
 - iii. Ex: Passover Lamb without blemish and without spot
 - iv. Lev: Great High Priest
 - v. Num: Aaron’s Rod that Budded
 - vi. Duet: Year of Jubilee
 - vii. Joshua: Jehovah saves granting victory against the enemy

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- viii. Judges: Angel of the Lord who appears to Gideon³
- ix. Psalms: His feet and hands are pierced.
- x. Proverbs: Wisdom of God
- xi. Isaiah: Wonderful, Conselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 - 1. Man of Sorrows and Acquainted with greif.
- xii. Ruth: Kinsman Redemner
- xiii. Malachi: Son of Righteousness risen with healing in His wings.

VI. PAYMENT FOR OUR SIN

- a. *Matt 27:46 (KJS) And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* (from Psalm 22:1)
- b. Now wait a minute, you’ve gone too far preacher, Jesus did not have a heart full of sin? Oh yes my friend this is the true agony of the cross and the cup that Jesus asked to be removed from, not the physical death of the cross, but the bearing upon His self of every vile and hideous sin that has ever been committed by those who come to Him in repentance.
 - i. *2Cor 5:21 (KJS) For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*
 - ii. *1Pet 2:24 (KJS) Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. {on: or, to}*
 - iii. *Col 2:13-14 (KJV)13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*
- c. *“My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul.”*
- d. *Hebr 2:9 (KJS) But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. {for the: or, by the}*
- e. Spiritual Death, Separation from God.
 - i. *“But none of the ransomed ever knew How deep were the waters crossed; nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed through Ere He found His sheep that was lost.”*
- f. As our Passover Lamb, He could only die for our sins, if He was without

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sin Himself.

- i. *“Guilty vile and helpless we, Spotless Lamb of God was He, Full Atonement, can it be? Hallelujah, What a Savior!”*

VII. A WILLING SACRIFICE

- a. *Luke 23:46 (KJS) And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.*
- b. WHO KILLED JESUS?
 - i. The Romans?
 1. They certainly were the ones who drove the nails and performed the deed.
 - ii. The Jews?
 1. They certainly were the driving force behind His arrest and condemnation
 - iii. You and I and all sinners?
 1. It certainly was our sin who drove Him to the cross:
Example of R. G. Lee first visit to Mt. Calvary in the Holy Land
 - iv. But the Bible actually spells out who killed Jesus:
 1. *John 10:17 (KJS) Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.*
 2. JESUS LAID HIS LIFE DOWN
 3. *Hebr 9:14 (KJS) How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? {spot: or, fault}*

VIII. COMPLETED TASK

- a. *John 19:30 (KJS) When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*
 - i. ONE GREEK WORD TRANSLATED IT IS FINISHED.
 - ii. “Tetelestai”
 - iii. This word was used by many in the ancient world, each of them symbolic of what Jesus did for us:
 1. Servants

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- a. When they had completed a task for their Master they would return and utter this word.
 - b. Jesus completed the task His Father sent Him to do.
- 2. Priests
 - a. When they had inspected an animal prepared for sacrifice, and found it to be pure, they would utter that word.
 - b. Jesus is the Lamb of God who is without spot or blemish
- 3. Artist
 - a. When an artist had completed his work of art he would step back, admire his work and utter that word.
 - b. Jesus uttered that word when He had completed God’s plan of salvation on the cross.
- 4. Accountant
 - a. When a debt was paid in full, a bookkeeper would write that word across the bill
 - b. Jesus paid our sin debt in full and wrote that word across it.
- 5. Warrior
 - a. When a warrior had won a battle and returned to his commanders he would utter that word to signify that the battle was over and victory had been won.
 - b. Jesus won the victory over death, Hell, and sin for us on the cross.

IX. CONCLUSION

- a. Jesus has paid the price for your sin. Your salvation is complete. You cannot save yourself from your sin, Jesus has already accomplished that. Confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, and you shall be saved.