

Rizpah -- Communion

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The sermon emphasizes the significance of atonement and communion through the story of Rizpah, highlighting faith and repentance as pathways to divine blessing and healing.

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Scripture: 2 Samuel 21:10, 2 Samuel 21:14, Mark 5:30, 1 Corinthians 11:24-26, Revelation 3:20

Topics: "Communion"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on the story of Risba, the daughter of Aya, who spread sackcloth on a rock and protected the bones of Saul's sons from birds and beasts until rain came down from heaven. The preacher relates this story to the concept of showing forth the Lord's death, as commanded by Jesus. The preacher emphasizes the importance of understanding the significance of Jesus' sacrifice and the atonement he made for humanity. The sermon also highlights the power of communion and the potential for salvation, healing, and deliverance that can occur during the communion service.

Transcript

Then there was a famine in the days of David, three years, year after year. And David inquired of the Lord, and the Lord answered, It is for Saul and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites. And the king called the Gibeonites and said unto them, Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites.

And the children of Israel had sworn unto them, and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah. Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? And wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the Lord? And the Gibeonites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul nor of his house. Neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel.

And he said, What ye shall say, that will I do for you. And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel, let seven men of his sons, and we will hang them up unto the Lord in Gibeah of Saul. But the king spared Mephibosheth, and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites.

And they hanged them in the hill before the Lord, and they fell all seven stays in the beginning of barren land. And Rispet, the daughter of Aiad, took sackcloth and spread it for her upon the rock. From the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, nor the beasts of the field by night.

And it was told David what Rispet, the daughter of Aiad, I declare that this is a very queer text for a Good Friday talk, but I think it's a very wonderful text. We all have a job to do tonight, and this job is given to us by the Lord. He says, Thus shall he show forth the Lord's death till he come.

I'm so glad that tonight we all are called and all are invited to the table of the Lord. Hallelujah. And that this is communion indeed, not just communion with one another, but communion with Jesus himself.

But he said, I will stop with him and he with me. And that's going to take place tonight and does every time with the Lord's death. And every one of us has that job tonight.

Every one. God Almighty is looking upon every one of us. Here we read that it was told King David what Rispet, what did she do? Why, she did something very interesting.

Heaven had decreed the sentence of death upon the whole land. Famine, three years of famine meant death to thousands of people. And David finally inquired of the Lord, Why has heaven decreed death? And the answer was given.

It was because of the old man, because of the old king. In our case, because of Adam, because death reigned over all of humanity from Adam until Jesus rose from the dead. And even those who had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, yet they were all their lifetime subject to the faith who worked day and night.

Suppose our theologians, our theological conventions, instead of coming together and discussing the best brand of, why is it that death has climbed up in our windows? Only two days ago, Lord Thomas announced that this atomic science has brought a terrifying aspect to this world. And that today Russia, it's an awful outlook, isn't it? And if men today would inquire of the Lord and attainment, that would be wise. And they would quickly get an answer.

And the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Haven't we seen that? They started out with firearms. And they said, now this is going to end all wars.

I tell you, they're going to be scared to come with their muskets. But they came with their muskets. And after a while, they invented the machine gun.

And then they said, now this is going to end all. And then they went and they invented gas warfare. And then they invented artillery, dynamite.

And then they said, now surely wars are going to cease. And beloved, they will never cease until the human heart. And God said, it's because of that murderous.

It's because of that first king of Israel. Heaven has decreed death. And David said, and what is the solution? And what is the atonement? And so he was told what to do.

It required the death of the sons of Saul. They had to die as an atonement for the sins. And the Bible says they all fell.

Can you imagine such a fall? You've never seen anybody hanged. It's a gruesome sight. And when the seven of them fell through the trap and fell down upon the rock to be eaten by the wild beasts and by the birds of prey, something happened.

She came with sackcloth. She came with mourning. She came with repentance.

Why is this story in the Bible? Because it points. And there she mourned. Not only that, but she showed forth the death of these seven.

This atonement. And she stayed there day and night. And she expected something.

She expected the thing that had to happen. It simply had to happen. Heaven that has decreed death.

The atonement has been made. Heaven had to send the blessing. And Rispa knew that.

And so she stayed there. And she repented. As a sight before heaven, she didn't allow the.

And heaven had to look down and see the atonement that was made. And this is my body. This is my body.

But that is not all. It's a streaky olive. Oh, for the faith of Rispa.

Instead of weeping and lamenting, she said. Now, now the famine's over. Now the sons have died.

Now the atonement has been made. And you and I are to show forth the Lord's death. By taking.

It is Jesus. The resurrected glory. And to eat and drink his blood.

And when you eat his flesh and drink his blood. You show forth. The Lord.

That he has accepted the atonement. Tonight. To be.

He doesn't leave us there. He's through the redemption. That is in Christ.

Jesus. And tonight. He wants you and me to come to the table of the Lord.

Fully conscious of the fact. The hallelujah took a bite. Rispa believed.

She stuck it out. She stayed there. She couldn't be moved.

And it was told David what she had done. You remember how one time when a great crowd. Suddenly he stopped and he said.

Somebody touched me. Who touched me? And Peter who always had his mouth. Ready.

No wonder they made the first pope out of him. What's the matter with you? They're crushed. Beloved, that was a different time.

It was told David what Rispa had done. And it resulted. Wonderful funeral.

It was told Jesus. He felt it. Jesus Christ is here tonight.

And it. Oh, the sufferings of Jesus. Then he shall be satisfied.

Oh, and you and I accept that suffering and that atonement. Heaven will drop down the blessing. Glory to God.

And this woman, as soon as she touched the hand. What was the difference? What is the difference in you tonight? Are you showing forth the Lord's death? Do you realize that he died for you? Do you realize that he himself had to suffer? You might be delivered. Glory to God.

Where with all shall I make an atonement? David said this. The atonement was made and heaven gave it. And thank God.

Jesus Christ at this day. Is this scripture fulfilled in your ear? He was nailed to the cross for me. Who touched me? Oh, how many times have we discovered that in our communion service? People get saved.

They get healed. They get delivered. Chains are broken.

Sick. Many, many times it's happened. The most marvelous victories have God given us.

The woman came. She had three tumors. She felt three currents going through her body.

They were gone. Praise God. Do you think that you can hang on to your tumor? Do you think you sure you can hang on to it if you want to? But I tell you somebody that took it upon himself.

Surely himself took our infirmity and bear our sickness. Look up his death boldly and stand before you. And then he died for all the day which lives should henceforth.

Oh, hallelujah. I like that word. For whenever you eat this flesh and drink this blood or eat this bread.

I determined not to know anything among you. Save Jesus Christ and him crucified. And tonight every one of us has to take by faith what Jesus Christ has so freely gives us.

Except he eat the flesh and drink the blood of the son of man. You have no life in you. But tonight there's life for a look at the crucified one.

Can you see Arista sitting there with a sackcloth looking up to heaven? Heaven looking down and seeing the bones of the slain. Heaven couldn't help himself at all. He couldn't.

He couldn't. He had decreed death and now he had decreed the atonement. He had written the bill.

He said when that bill is paid why then the blessing will come. And so God almighty hallelujah. He said whosoever believeth in him shall not believe.

Oh let us come tonight in a new way to the table of the Lord. Let us say this bread which we bless is the communion of the body of Christ. And Jesus will say take eat.

This is my body broken for you. For you. For you.

If tonight we could ask for testimonies of all those who have received a wonderful touch from him. Be surprised. I know some of them.

I know some that were slated for death. I know a woman who came in here dying with a cancer. And she said if I can get to that communion service I'll be healed.

The nurse says you can't go that'll be your end. If you get out into that cold weather. She said I'm going.

She came. She was healed. Years ago she's healed today.

Man in Germany whom Wally and I met last summer who was despairing because of his condition. He had fallen so low that he thought there was no help for him. Now we get to report that a while ago few months ago he had a broken leg and a cast.

And he said if I can get to that communion service I know. And he managed somehow to get there and then he took off the cast. And that has resulted in the healing of others.

Beloved we're to show for something. Glory to God. One died for and have supper with him.

Glory to God and he with us. And if you'll let him minister to you tonight the bread and the wine he'll minister life to you. Oh let us satisfy his great heart tonight by believing God.

Let us come boldly onto the throne of grace. We have boldness and access with why he himself is the atonement. Thank God he himself is that bread of heaven.

Glory to God and here it is that invites us to come to this table that is bread. Praise God in the face of our enemies.

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