

Sunday Night Meditations 40 Message and Song - 1950's

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The sermon highlights the depth of God's love through Christ's sacrifice and calls listeners to accept Him for salvation.

Duration: 30:39

Scripture: Matthew 4:4, Matthew 27:27-31, Matthew 27:34-35, Hebrews 10:12, Hebrews 10:14

Topics: "Gods Love", "The Cross"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the sacrifice and love of God displayed at Calvary. He describes Jesus willingly taking on the bitter cup of suffering for the sake of humanity. The preacher also highlights the importance of realizing that Christ's death on the cross was enough for salvation. He shares a story of a young boy who discovered the sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice and encourages everyone to make the same realization. Throughout the sermon, the preacher references biblical passages that speak of God's love and Jesus' sacrifice, such as Isaiah 53:5 and John 3:16.

Transcript

Greetings to our radio listeners. Each Saturday night it is my privilege to turn your thoughts from the many things that have occupied your attention during the busy week to the greater and more important area of life, our relationship with God. Christ put it this way, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, which means that we must take time to listen to God's word.

Your degree of frustration depends largely upon the measure that you ignore God's voice through the Holy Scriptures. If you are not in the habit of attending services elsewhere, we extend to you a very cordial invitation to attend the services in the Gospel Center. Our most popular service on Sunday morning begins at 11 o'clock and closes promptly at 12 noon.

It's a combined Sunday school and preaching service convenient for the entire family to attend. The Sunday night service begins at 7 30. In case your church has discontinued Sunday night services during the summer months, we invite you to visit us for the Sunday night service.

If you are a music lover, you will enjoy the musical portion of the service which includes hearty congregational singing of the old hymns of the faith plus special selections by the choir. The Gospel

Center is located 500 North Driver Street here in the city of Durham. The Gospel Center now in its 26th year of proclaiming the gospel is a fellowship of Christians who seek to carry out all the principles of a New Testament church.

Relax and listen as the Gospel Center choir brings to you a message in song which pictures the reception that Christ received when he ascended back to heaven. Number three. Greetings to our radio friends.

We deeply appreciate the privilege of presenting Christ to the Durham community each Saturday evening. If Christ should return today, have you any idea how many from this area would be caught up to be with the Lord and how many would be left behind for judgment? Only God knows the answer to that question. What about you? Would you go or would you be left behind? If your answer is, I would most likely be remaining.

Perhaps this serious situation will give you a desire to attend the Sunday services at the Gospel Center. Our family Bible hour begins at 11 o'clock. It's a combined Sunday school and preaching service closing promptly at 12 noon.

Our Sunday night service begins at 730 with a lively song service, special music, choir selections. This musical portion is in itself an inspiration bringing Bible truths to your attention in song. The Gospel Center is located 500 North Driver Street here in the city of Durham.

We stand for and proclaim the gospel of the grace of God untainted by modernism or emotionalism. We are not affiliated with any denomination. Our fellowship embraces all who are born again regardless of religious backgrounds.

Now before I bring you a message from the word of God, the Gospel Center choir will render a song of triumph taken from the 24th Psalm, which pictures the reception that Christ received when he ascended back to heaven. 27 and beginning at verse 27, Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him and put on him a scarlet robe.

And when they had planted the crown of thorns, they put it upon his head and a reed in his right hand. And they bowed the knee before him and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews. And they spit upon him and took a reed and smote him on the head.

And after that they had mocked him. They took the robe off from him and put his own raiment on him and led him away to crucify him. And when they were come unto the place called Golgotha, that is to say a place of the skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall.

And when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him and parted his garments, casting lots that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the prophet. They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

And sitting down, they watched him there and set up over his head his accusation written, This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Art thou forsaking him who always did thy will? Lord, we joy thy perfect soon in joy before thee, we shall see thee. Have the pleasure of having an evangelist from the province of Quebec as the guest speaker in the Gospel Center tomorrow.

Mr. Paul Boda, who has been preaching the gospel to people who despise and hate the gospel in Quebec, will be speaking at the Family Bible Hour at 11 o'clock in the Gospel Center. It's a combined Sunday school and preaching service which the entire family can enjoy. You need not stay at home on account of the baby, because a modern nursery is open to care for the baby while you enjoy the service.

Twenty-nine Sunday school classrooms are available to care for the children any age. Plan to bring the entire family to the combined Sunday school and preaching service at 11 o'clock every Sunday morning in the Gospel Center. Then our Sunday night gospel service begins promptly at 7 30 with a good musical program, and Mr. Boda from Quebec will bring the gospel message tomorrow night at 7 30.

I trust you'll to attend both of these services in the Gospel Center and enjoy the message from God's precious word. You who are still unsaved need to be under the sound of the gospel so that you'll understand how to be saved, and I'm sure that Mr. Boda will bring to you the way of salvation, and besides, he'll bring a message that will be of benefit to those who know the Savior already. Our midweek service in the Gospel Center is always on Thursday night, and we urge you to attend that service as well.

The Gospel Center is strictly non-denominational, a group of Christians who seek by God's grace to carry out all the principles of a New Testament church. If you are interested in sound gospel supplies, we can recommend the Bible Truth Bookstore, 117 West Chapel Hill Street, where you will find gospel supplies, gospel literature that is sound and fundamental. We trust you'll keep in mind all of these announcements, and now before I bring to you a message from God's precious word, here is the choir singing the little chorus, How Greatly Jesus Must Have Loved Me.

How Greatly Jesus Must Have Loved Me The story of the death of Christ, as recorded by the four gospel writers, is the most affecting, the most touching of all the stories in the Bible. It is a story full of superlatives. It portrays and demonstrates the greatest possible degree of hatred in the human heart, when justice is brushed aside and man listens only to the dictates of his depraved heart.

The story of the cross expresses the superlative degree of suffering, for never before nor since has an innocent holy one suffered injustice, mockery, prejudice, laceration, crucifixion, isolation from God at one and the same time. The prophetic language of Isaiah is, His visage was so marred, more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men. He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

He was stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. He was wounded, he was bruised, he was chastised, and Jehovah laid on him the iniquity of us all. But I want to call your attention to another superlative, which was so wondrously displayed at Calvary, the mighty, matchless, boundless love of God.

The mighty God seemed to have difficulty in expressing Himself because of our limited capacity, and no words are to be found to reveal the great subject of the love of God. But God, in His infinite wisdom, chose to tell the story of His love by means of an object lesson. What He could not fully tell in words, He displayed in action during those six hours when Christ hung on Calvary's cross.

His love was so infinitely beyond human love that we dare not compare them, but rather contrast them. In the human realm, love loves the lovely, or love is exchange for love, but there is no capacity to love as God loved, even reaching down to the murderers of His only begotten Son. There seems to be a message going forth from that cross, a personal message directly to you, and one that you need to hear.

It is this, that God loves you. I wonder if your little heart can take it in. I can almost hear you saying, surely God does not love me.

I can understand how He can love some people, but it wouldn't even be reasonable to believe that He loves me. I have turned my back upon Him. I have lived a life of shame and disgrace, and you must be wrong when you say God loves me.

Dear friend, I know it sounds unbelievable, but it's nevertheless true, and I want you to believe what God has said, and that God extends His love, and it's far beyond the human limits of love. If you forget the rest of my message, let this amazing truth sink into your needy heart. God loves the undeserving, the unworthy.

Listen to these verses from John's first epistle. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, or the Christians rather at Ephesus, speaks of the love of Christ as that which passeth knowledge. Someone has likened the love of God to an ocean. A child standing on the beach may look as far as the eye can reach, but his limited capacity has only taken in a very, very small portion of the wide expanse.

The child will never be able to take in the whole ocean, but he can bathe and enjoy a portion of it. Being only human, I can never grasp the vastness of Christ's love to me, but I can enjoy the little portion that I can comprehend. I may stand under the shadows of that middle cross which was erected on Calvary's hill and raise the question, What was it, blessed God, led thee to give thy Son, to yield thy well beloved for us by sin undone? What led thy Son, O God, to leave thy throne on high, to shed His precious blood, to suffer and to die? Quickly the answer comes back, "'Twas love unbounded led thee thus, to give thy well beloved for us.

"'Twas love unbounded, love to us, led Him to die and suffer thus." Again I say, there is no other word picture in the whole wide world so affecting as the display of Christ's love as shown when He hung on Calvary's cross. One of the hymns that we love to sing at the Gospel Center, and we sing it occasionally on this program, expresses the desire to understand more fully the deep mysteries of God's boundless love. Here are the words, Give me a sight, O Savior, of thy wondrous love to me, of the love that brought thee down to earth to die on Calvary.

Was it the nails, O Savior, that bound thee to the tree? Nay, 'twas thine everlasting love, thy love for me, for me. O wonder of all wonders that through thy death for me, my open sins, my secret sins, can all forgiven be. Then melt my heart, O Savior, bend me, yea, break me down, until I own thee conqueror and Lord and sovereign crown.

O make me understand it, help me to take it in, what it meant for thee the Holy One to bear away my sin. It is truly holy ground on which we are standing when we have our hearts occupied with His dying love. But there's a bright side to this great event, and this is expressed by the words that our blessed Savior uttered when He cried with a loud voice, It is finished.

This is not the cry of a victim, but rather of a victor. Christ did not go down in defeat. He completed the Father's will in triumph.

We need not speculate as to what He meant by this triumphant cry, because in John chapter 17 we have the record of His high priestly prayer to the Father, and there He says, I have finished the work that thou gavest me to do. His cry on the cross tells the story of an accomplished redemption. That great task of providing pardon for the guilty, cleansing for the defiled, was once and for all fully completed, and this blessed truth must be clearly sounded that the work of Christ was not only necessary for our salvation, but it was finished.

It was enough. I'd like to tell the story of the lady missionary who found an undersized Irish boy in a hospital whose emaciated form arrested her deepest sympathy. As she gained his confidence through flowers and fruit, she soon found that he was also interested in knowing more about the way of salvation.

Although he was brought up in a religious home, he did not have the peace and the assurance that he desired. He only hoped for the best in the end. As he read the sound gospel tracts, he sought for something that would enable him to say, I know I am saved.

And one glad morning as the missionary called to see him, he said, I found something new, something wonderful. I always knew that Christ was necessary, but I never knew till yesterday that Christ was enough. It was a blessed discovery and one that every person should make.

The whole fabric of Christendom is built upon the fact that Christ was necessary, but alas, how few realize that his death on Calvary was enough. Enough to satisfy the claims of God's righteous throne, enough to meet the demands of a broken law, enough to meet the guilty sinner's dire need. I wonder if you still need to learn the lesson that the Irish lad learned in the hospital, that all the work that was necessary to save the sinner has been eternally done.

The writer of the Hebrew epistle confirms this truth in these words, but this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, forever sat down on the right hand of God. When a man sits down, it infers that he is finished. He has completed his task, and Christ in figure sat down after completing the great work of redemption.

Now I trust that as you, my unsafe friend, stand beneath the shadows of the cross, as you look into the face of the one who loved you, loved you enough to die for you, that you will hear his cry in your heart, it is finished and you will realize the work that was necessary to make salvation available to you was finished by Christ on the cross. Now he wants you to turn to him and receive him as your Lord and Savior, and the moment in simple faith that you trust him, he will give to you everlasting life. But you must trust him, and I trust you'll not neglect this very important thing.

I ask you in this very hour that you will open your heart's door and trust the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. May God bless his word to your heart. Amen.

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