

Dying Words – Part 2

Matthew 27:45, 46

John 19:25 – 30

I. Intro

- A. Last week, talked about Lent, preparing our hearts leading up to Easter; talked about Jesus' dying words on cross – forgive, paradise
- B. Tonight, continue look at more – forsaken, family

II. Forsaken

- A. **READ Matthew 27:45, 46**
- B. **ASK:** Give a definition of forsaken?
- C. Definition – *to renounce, turn away from entirely*
- D. **ASK:** Why did Jesus realize His Father turning away from Him as He hung on the cross? Sin
- E. **ASK:** Is sin a big deal? Why?
- F. When Jesus bore the sins of the whole world upon Himself, hanging on the cross, what a huge weight (burden); think of the burden a specific sin we're dealing with puts on us (at least I hope it does) – comes no where near the burden Jesus experienced
- G. Sin is so destructive that for the moment it separated the Son of God from God the Father
- H. Sin is something that all believers should have such hatred for (notice I said "the sin", not "the sinner")
- I. **ASK:** In general, what do you think most believers' attitude towards sin is? Why?
- J. Moody quote: *The Bible will keep you from sin or either sin will keep you from the Bible.*
- K. 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV)
 - 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."
 - 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.
 - 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

III. Family

- A. **READ John 19:25 – 30**
- B. Quote: *When the power of sin is destroyed, love has no limits*

- C. Quote: *When I'm with my family, as someone who has the Holy Spirit within, caring for them and loving them, I'm on Holy Ground – I'm in the Holy Land*
- D. As Jesus is suffering and dying, not only is the sinner on His mind, not only does He bear the weight of the sins for the whole world, but He thinks of His family – makes sure His mother will be cared for in His absence; no mention of any of Jesus' siblings at the cross
- E. Remember – Jesus' death was also for His own earthly family
- F. **ASK:** What does this show us about God's view of family?
- G. Realized more after becoming a grandparent – and yes, I can be a little slow to pick up on some things – how important it is to pray for our children
- H. We can pray for our families, we can train our children in the ways of God – teach them scripture, pray with/for them – but ultimately we reach a point where we know the best thing we can do is put the in God's hands
- I. Martin Luther quote: *I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost the all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess*
- J. Pope John Paul II quote: *The greatest danger for family life – in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort, and independence – lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish*
- K. 1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)
8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
- L. Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV)
1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
2 "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise--
3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

IV. Close

- A. Last two weeks looking at Jesus' last words on the cross we seen:
- i. Jesus still forgave – the repentant, but the unrepentant
 - ii. Jesus still desired eternal relationship with those who were repentant – *Today, you will be with me in paradise*
 - iii. Tonight, severity and devastation of sin – even separating God the Son from God the Father at time of crucifixion
 - iv. Jesus never forgot family; family to Christ – even though some of His own family still did not believe in Him – He still loved them and desired to make sure they were cared for