

"REPROACH HATH BROKEN MY HEART." Ps. 69:20.

## INTRODUCTION: CHRIST IN THIS PSALM

NO PSALM, EXCEPT THE 22ND, IS SO FREQUENTLY QUOTED IN THE N.T.

- (1). THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PSALMIST (V.4) "THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE" WAS FULFILLED IN THE CAUSELESS HATRED OF THE JEWS FOR THE SON OF GOD. (JN. 15:25).
- (2). THE CONSUMING ZEAL OF JESUS FOR THE HONOR OF HIS FATHER'S DESECRATED HOUSE BROUGHT THE WORDS OF V.9 ("THE ZEAL FOR THINE HOUSE HAS CONSUMED ME") TO THE MINDS OF HIS DISCIPLES IN JN. 2:17.
- (3). AND THE REST OF THE SAME VERSE 9 "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHESTHEE HAVE FALLEN ON ME" IS APPLIED IN ROM. 15:3 BY PAUL TO CHRIST, WHO PLEASED NOT HIMSELF, BUT VOLUNTARILY BORE THE REPROACHES INTENDED FOR GOD.
- (4). THE WORDS OF V.25 ("MAY THEIR HABITATION BE DESOLATE; LET NO ONE DWELL IN THEIR TENTS") ARE COMBINED WITH THOSE OF PS. 109:8 IN ACTS 1:20 TO DESCRIBE THE DOOM OF JUDAS.
- (5). VS. 22 & 23 "LET THEIR OWN TABLE BEFORE THEM BECOME A SNARE... LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED, SO THAT THEY CANNOT SEE") ARE APPLIED IN ROM. 11:9 TO THE REJECTION OF APOSTATE ISRAEL.
- (6). THE PHYSICAL SUFFERINGS OF THE PSALMIST (V.21) "THEY GAVE ME POISON FOR FOOD, AND FOR MY THIRST THEY GAVE ME VINEGAR TO DRINK" TYPIFIED THE PHYSICAL SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST AS DESCRIBED IN JN. 19:28-30, AND IN MT. 27:34, 48; MK. 15:36.
- (7). VERSES 12 AND 20 POINT FORWARD TO THE MOCKERY DESCRIBED IN MATT. 27:27-31.
- (8). V.26 READS "THEY PERSECUTE HIM WHOM THOU HAST SMITTEN; AND HIM WHOM THOU HAST WOUNDED, THEY AFFLICT STILL MORE." WHEN WE THINK OF THIS IN CONNECTION WITH ISA. 53 AND ZECH. 13:7 IT IS OBVIOUSLY TYPICAL OF THE ONE WHO WAS FIRST SMITTEN OF GOD AND WOUNDED <sup>THEY</sup> FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS <sup>BY MEN</sup>.

## 1. EVIDENCE OF THE BROKEN HEART OF JESUS

1. HIS REJECTION BY HIS OWN PEOPLE  
A. JN. 1:11, HE CAME UNTO HIS OWN CREATION, AND HIS OWN PEOPLE RECEIVED HIM NOT.

B. LK. 4:24 (ALSO JN. 4:44), NO PROPHET IS ACCEPTED IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. NOTICE THE EFFORT OF THE NAZARENES TO KILL HIM. LK. 4:28, 29.  
C. SEE THE EXAMPLE OF JEREMIAH WHO SAID, "MY HEART WITHIN ME IS BROKEN BECAUSE OF THE PROPHETS" (23:9).

## 2. HIS CONSTANT CENSURE. LK. 6:7 &amp; 20:20

A. WHY DO YOU EAT AND DRINK WITH PUBLICANS AND SINNERS? LK. 5:30.  
B. WHY DO YOU THAT WHICH IS NOT LAWFUL TO DO ON THE SABBATH DAYS? LK. 6:2.

\* 3. HIS GRIEF AT THE SHORTCOMING OF HIS DISCIPLES. *They fell far short of their privileges.*

- A. THEIR TEMPORAL AND EARTHLY IDEAS
- B. THEIR NARROW INTOLERANCE
- C. THEIR AMBITION FOR GREATNESS.
- \* D. THEIR LITTLE FAITH . . . "What is faith?"
- \* E. THEIR FEAR AND FLIGHT . . . "Quick to get discouraged & run."
- F. THEIR SLOWNESS TO UNDERSTAND
- G. THEIR FAILURE TO APPRECIATE HIS ESSENTIAL DEITY. JN. 14:9

#### 4.HIS LAMENT OVER JERUSALEM

#### 5.HIS TEARS AT THE GRAVE OF LAZARUS.

#### 6.HIS SUFFERING ON THE CROSS.

##### A. THE MOCKERY ATTENDING HIS CRUCIFIXION.

##### B. "HE DIED OF A BROKEN HEART FOR YOU,"

HE DIED OF A BROKEN HEART;

UPON A TREE, FOR YOU, FOR ME, FOR ALL MANKIND;

HE DIED OF A BROKEN HEART.

\* C. Heb. 12:2, "FOR THE JOY THAT WAS BEFORE HIM

HE ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPIsing THE SHAME."

#### II. THE CAUSE OF HIS BROKEN HEART — REPROACH.

##### \* 1. THE REPROACH OF HIS BIRTH.

A. Mt. 13:55, IS NOT THIS THE CARPENTER'S SON?

B. Jn. 6:42, IS NOT THIS JESUS, THE SON OF JOSEPH,

WHOSE FATHER AND MOTHER WE KNOW?

##### \* 2. THE REPROACH OF HIS HOME.

A. Jn. 1:46, CAN ANY GOOD THING COME OUT OF NAZARETH?

B. Jn. 7:41, SHALL CHRIST COME OUT OF GALILEE?

7:52, SEARCH AND LOOK;

FOR OUT OF GALILEE ARISES NO PROPHET.

C. Jn. 8:48, THOU ART A SAMARITAN

##### 3. THE REPROACH OF HIS AUTHORITY

A. Mt. 9:34, THE PHARISEES SAID, "HE CASTS OUT DEVILS THROUGH THE PRINCE OF DEVILS."

B. Mt. 12:24, "THIS FELLOW DOES NOT CAST OUT DEVILS,

BUT BY BEELZEBUB THE PRINCE OF DEVILS."

##### \* 4. THE REPROACH OF HIS CHARACTER.

A. Jn. 9:24, "THIS MAN IS A SINNER" (DIDN'T HE HEAR?)

B. Jn. 7:12, HE DECEIVES THE PEOPLE.

C. Mt. 9:3, THIS MAN BLASPHEMES

(BECAUSE HE SAID, "THY SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE")

D. Mt. 11:19, "GLUTTONOUS, AND A WINE BIBBER,

A FRIEND OF PUBLICANS AND SINNERS.

##### \* 5. REPROACH BROUGHT ON HIS NAME AND CAUSE BY THE

UNWORTHY, DISOBEDIENT, UNFAITHFUL, SELFISH, AND SINFUL

LIVES OF PROFESSING CHRISTIANS.

A. 1 Tim. 5:14, "GIVE NO OCCASION TO THE ADVERSARY TO

SPEAK REPROACHFULLY."

B. Prov. 14:31, "HE THAT OPPRESSES THE POOR REPROACHES HIS MAKER."

## THE BROKEN HEART OF JESUS (CONT.)

### III. THE BROKEN HEARTS OF HIS DISCIPLES

1. WITHOUT A BROKEN HEART WE CANNOT BECOME HIS DISCIPLE.

A. ISA. 57:15, "THUS SAITH THE HIGH AND LOFTY ONE THAT INHABITS ETERNITY, WHOSE NAME IS HOLY; I DWELL IN THE HIGH AND HOLY PLACE, WITH HIM ALSO THAT IS OF A CONTRITE AND HUMBLE SPIRIT, TO REVIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE HUMBLE, AND TO REVIVE THE HEART OF THE CONTRITE ONES."

B. PS. 34:18, THE LORD IS NIGH UNTO THEM THAT ARE OF A BROKEN HEART,

AND SAVETH SUCH AS BE OF A CONTRITE SPIRIT."

\* 2. WITHOUT A BROKEN HEART WE CANNOT BE A TRUE AND LOYAL DISCIPLE.

A. MT. 10:24,25, "THE DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE HIS MASTER, NOR THE SERVANT ABOVE HIS LORD;

IT IS ENOUGH FOR THE DISCIPLE

THAT HE BE AS HIS MASTER,  
AND THE SERVANT AS HIS LORD."

B. A PROUD SPIRIT MUST BE BROKEN AND HUMBLE.

C. 1 PET. 2:19-23, CHRIST SUFFERED FOR US,  
LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE,

THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS."

what does it  
mean to do  
this?

D. ACTS 5:41, "REJOICING THAT THEY WERE COUNTED WORTHY  
TO SUFFER SHAME FOR HIS NAME."

3. WITHOUT A BROKEN HEART WE CANNOT SYMPATHIZE WITH OR HELP OTHERS  
WHOSE HEART IS BROKEN BY SORROW AND SIN.

\* A. THIS WAS CHRIST'S MISSION: "HE HATH SENT ME  
TO BIND UP THE BROKEN HEARTED" ISA. 61:1.

\* B. THIS IS OUR MISSION: "I COME IN LITTLE THINGS...  
WHEN OUR HEART IS BROKEN IN HUMILITY AND SUBMISSION,  
TO GO TO A BROKEN HEARTED WORLD WITH THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL  
OF CHRIST."

### CONCLUSION:

ONCE JESUS SAID, "REPROACH HAS BROKEN MY HEART."  
SOME DAY "HE SHALL SEE OF THE TRAVAL OF HIS SOUL,  
AND SHALL BE SATISFIED."

ONE DAY IN THE SUNLESS GLORY OF GOD'S ETERNAL HEAVEN  
CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN INSTEAD OF DISCREDIT;  
HONOR INSTEAD OF DISHONOR,  
COMMENDATION FOR BLAME,  
AND

PRAISE FOR REPROOF.

And every knee shall bow and every tongue  
shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of  
all.

REJOICE, AND TO STAND UNTO EARTH,

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I COME IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

SAITH THE LORD: IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

MY STARRY WINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

I DO FORSAKE, IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

LOVE'S HIGHWAY OF HUMILITY TO TAKE; IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

EEKLY I FIT MY STATURE TO YOUR NEED. IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

IN BEGGER'S PART, IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

ABOUT YOUR GATES I SHALL NOT CEASE TO PLEAD— IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

AS MAN, TO SPEAK WITH MAN— IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

TILL BY SUCH ART, IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

I SHALL ACHIEVE MY IMMEMORIAL PLAN, IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

PASS THE LOW LINTEL OF THE HUMAN HEART" IN THE LITTLE THINGS, IN THE LITTLE THINGS,

(EVELYN UNDERHILL, 1875-1941)

## SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES FOR SERMON:

### "THE BROKEN HEARTS OF JESUS"

I.3. How far short the 12 disciples fell of measuring up to their privilege of association with Jesus!

But they were not the only ones in the history of the Christian church who have made the same mistake.

In our 20th century life we have an abundance of non-essentials, but a great shortage of the necessities for full Christian living.

All about us people are losing their souls in the complexity of the world, where perspective is so easily lost.

We need to get back to the simple and changeless principles of life,

where truth is truth,

love is love,

virtue is not success and promotion but high integrity of the soul; and life's rewards are not wealth and power

and position and influence,

but the soul's perception of

the song of God's angels

and the shining of His Pilgrim Star.

I.3.D. What is faith?

Someone has said that "faith is reason grown courageous."

Life is built of reasons

that reason cannot know.

Reason alone is not enough.

It is appropriate for us to remember that Jesus never asked children to be like adults, but he asked adults to become like children.

I.3.E. The apostles were so quick to get discouraged and run.

Discouragement is one of Satan's sharpest weapons against the Christian.

We should note that nature and history are never discouraged.

Only MEN forget and become discouraged.

I.6.C. We learn much from the suffering of Jesus on the cross.

Here is illustrated a principle that God has woven into the fabric of the universe. If we learn this lesson it can help us in so many ways and times in our own life. It is that every problem is either solvable or transcendable.

Jesus did not escape His cup.

He prayed, "Let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

It did not pass, but was transcended, turning defeat into victory. He did not escape His cross, but He had the power and strength to make it the world's greatest throne. He had a broken heart, but he did not let it break His purpose to destroy the power & works of Satan. So his broken heart became a means

of unnumbered blessings to mankind.

II.1. Reproach was the cause of his broken heart.

Jesus had known reproach and had lived under its sting all of his life.

One of the most unkind reproaches - even when it is true - is the reproach of being called an illegitimate child. Someone has said that there are no illegitimate children -- only illegitimate parents. But this reproach is doubly sharp and hurtful when it is not true - as in the case of Jesus. His birth was the most noble, honorable & legitimate of any in all history. The birth of THIS baby split the calendar, and time became reckoned by his birth.

This would teach us the tremendous importance of caring for childhood and the home. Of what worth is anything else if we keep not a faithful watch over the cradle of a child and over his religious education?

Apart from this, science and learning, gov't and

II.4. Jesus was reproached and called a sinner, a deceiver, a blasphemer, gluttonous, a wine bibber, and a friend of publicans and sinners.

Yet, - no man ever loved other men like Jesus did.

He loved them and set for them spiritual goals.

Once there was another Jewish boy born into a home. This boy claimed to love the mass of men, too, but he chose for them ECONOMIC goals, and ordered methods of violence. His name was Karl Marx.

Today the followers of these two leaders are pitted against each other.

Two more boys were born in Austria, our neighboring country to the south,

not so very far from Augsburg.

One decided he would live his life for beauty, and he put songs in the hearts of millions.

The other one chose power and he struck panic into the hearts of millions.

One was Beethoven; the other was Hitler.

If our homes and our churches and our communities and our schools do their duty, child's heritage may be realized completely. and the other will be totally rejected.

II.5. There are so many ways in which Christians give occasion to the adversary to speak reprobately.

One stumblingblock is the obvious lack of dedication to duty.

We clamor too loudly for our cherished freedom to do whatever we want to do without the restraint of scriptural or moral limitations.

Real freedom is freedom to do what we OUGHT to do for the glory of God, not freedom to do whatever we happen to want to do for self gratification.

If a person is able to do what he OUGHT to do until he loves it,

to accept the discipline of duty

until he knows its delight,

then in time he will be free to do what he WANTS to do.

But a person can do what he wants only if he is also able to do what he does not want to do but what he OUGHT to do.

A musician said, "I was forced to practice until I could force myself to practice; I forced myself to do it until I loved to do it; now I love to do it."

Babe Zaharias, the great woman golfer, died in Tampa, Florida, a few years ago when we were living in (nearby) St. Petersburg. She waged a gallant & courageous fight against cancer for the last few years of her life. She said that when she decided to become an expert golfer, she committed herself to hit 1,000 balls a day with one club.

Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters, yet many of his professing followers try to do just this. May God save us from the divided allegiance of schizo-phrenic disciples who try to

sing doxologies to dollars and fame."

In its natural state, human nature is so constituted as to follow SOME leader; if not God, then someone less than God.

Many eat Christ's bread, but not many drink His cup. Cushions are far more expedient than crosses, and much less painful!

### III.2. What does it mean to follow in the steps of Jesus?

It surely means more than a shallow emotional concern for the "underprivileged."

William James told of a Russian noblewoman who wept over the imaginary hardships of certain characters in a theatrical production. There, in the precincts of easy imagination, she entered the travails of hero and heroine, while all the time, as she sat in cushioned splendor, <sup>poor</sup> ~~her~~ coachman, whom she might have helped, sat glowingly freezing to death outside.

III.3.A. The mission of Christ in coming into the world was primarily to deal with the sin problem.

A research professor of psychology at the U. of Illinois has said that the Freudian influence in America has undermined our whole moralized structure by dealing only with guilt FEELINGS but not with GUILT ITSELF. Christ came to deal with guilt and sin, not just with the feeling of guilt.

In THE COCKTAIL PARTY, T. S. Eliot suggested that the reason the cocktail glass has become so important is that the communion cup has lost its meaning.

Both represent a search for fellowship. But truly satisfying fellowship can be found only in Jesus Christ.

3.B. This is Christ's mission.

But what is OUR MISSION?

When our heart is broken in humility and submissio we are to go to a broken hearted world, with the good news that

there is a Savior who cares for them.

But first WE must care for them.

Do you care?

Is it nothing to you that a hundred thousand souls a day are passing one by one away, and many of them never once having heard about the love of God for them through Christ, and never once having had enough to eat, and never having known a taste of the freedoms and opportunities that we take for granted?

Abraham Lincoln said, "I'm sorry for the man who can't feel the whip when it is laid on the other man's back."

While the light of community consciousness through slum clearance, war on poverty & ignorance is ever turned on the down-and-outs, little is being said or done about the up-and-outs. Sometimes they are called the "Suburban Sinners" - are equidistant from the heart of town and YUPPIES from the heart of God!

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edt (certainly not nearly enough), reader A  
but, thank God, there are **SOME** of these III to .U  
"Phi Beta Kappa Christians" who have come to Christ,  
and they represent the cream of the mental crop.

Like the young man at Georgia Tech, who,  
having made the highest scholastic average in the  
history of that educational institution, walked  
the aisles of a great Atlanta church  
one morning just a few years ago, to say,  
"My major is mathematics,  
but my mission in life is to be a full-time Christian.

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