

it. He was tempted in Gethsemane.

The man who protest "I want no one suffering for me is ignoring the fact, that not only religion, but the whole of life is built that way. David Livingstone, dying on his knees in Africa. The head master of a school in England, during an air raid, gathering his pupils in a shelter and then going back to make sure that none had been left behind was caught himself by a bomb and was instantly killed. One man dying for the people

Man rarely eats (food) to sustain life except at the cost of life in the vegetable and animal kingdom. Our parents through years of patience, toil and sacrifices give themselves that we might be trained and develop character. We reap the benefit of toil and suffering of others, parents will deliberately sacrifice the temple goods and health and life for the good of others. Christians are moved by the spirit to give themselves in God's service for others.

Jesus's suffering was voluntary. He did it in confidence that this final act would finish the powers of darkness. And so the wickedness of this world was met with the suffering servant. Why was God not there to prevent it? It was in the council and foreknowledge of God. And so the cross was ~~the~~ a stumbling block to some, but on the day of Pentecost, Peter said that God was reconciling the world to himself.

VI. Tidings from the Throne of Heaven.

This does not begin with Gethsemane nor with Pilate's Judgment hall, it does not begin in Bethlehem in the stable, but it begins at the throne of God, and as we give the tidings of the Cross, we look yonder to the throne of heaven and we see that God was acting in great power. The cross is the ground for a new standing of sinful men with God.

Were ~~we~~ to come back today and look upon the conflict of our world, he would still say that the struggle is not against men or nations or Caesar or Communism but our real struggle is against (flesh and blood). There is a real warfare against the powers of darkness and so we must set this cross up against this pagan world. Men can have a new life, a new beginning. Peter said - go to Cornelius.

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Good Morning to County
This Jesus you crucified
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H.C. Morgan when I get
up each day, I want
think of people but
I must come

1 Thess. 1:8

The Sorrow of the old Bugle - Dr. Wilson - 1899, County. barbare lo. in Selma, Tenn sent out old colored man with covered wagon filled with tin ware to supply rural population. Introduction: In the New T. the cross is set forth as the New Testament revelation. I believe hard-chopping cotton, hot many afternoon, the Sorrow of an old Bugle came rolling down valley like a call to judgment. That's Habril - Bro's - told me - soon we'll be on our knees - we ran to home - but only good night on our knees that night - we looked at the Bugle - just P.M. after breakfast old man litled. The Sorrow of standing at the gate "I suppose I had better tell the people of our coming" - sent out the old Bugle then passed with bright stream of music, the earth gave to tremble. We had his good-bye with the cross around the world.

I - A Look at the World: In Romans 7, Paul talks about the condition of man. He says their are principalities and powers, evil forces and that the second Adam must come to the rescue. There is an outside force getting hold of him.

Here is a higher self against a lower self. We have forgotten the issue that we have this temptation before us. We have failed to see that the central truth in the N. T. has come as a result of our sinful nature. There has been a struggle since the beginning of time for the victory.

II - The Veil in the Temple:

The moment that Jesus died the veil in the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. This veil had been hanging there for years and looked as if it might hang there forever. It was embroidered in blue and purple and scarlet and hung before the inner shrine.

It served as a double function: First, to keep man out, a warning to sinful man that he must keep a respectful distance. Second, it was to shut God in, for behind that veil was silence. It had been there for years.

The Jews were certain that there was something behind that veil. He imagined all sorts of things, but one day Jesus died and the veil was rent.

In every congregation there are those who wonder. They believe there is something behind the veil - there is some hidden power, but what? They say, "Is God worth praying to? Does God know anything about my trouble? Can God bring hope and give me a new beginning?"

It was not enough to give the promise and the Government and for His prophets to speak. It was not enough for Jesus to come and preach the Sermon on the Mount. The veil of doubt still lingered and then it seemed that the

last word had been spoken and God to do no more. Then Jesus died and the veil was rent and twain.

III-A Great Missionary Motive:

Paul brings out that the cross reveals the very heart of God. "God commended His love toward us while we were yet sinners". Romans 5:8. 2Cor. 5:14. "The love of Christ constrains us." It is a love that hems us in and pushes us on in His service. This love of Christ is the same thing as the love of God. This love was the driving power, not only in the thought of Paul but also in his activity. It sent him over land and sea to proclaim the saving power of Jesus for all men. It is something that God offers to all man. It is something to be accepted by faith. It offers a sinner the right to stand with God.

✓ There is no distinction among men because all sin and all fall short of the glory of God. He shows that the gentiles have universally failed. As for the holy of holy behind the veil, only one man on one day of the year may enter. All the rest, even when the heart and flesh were crying out for the living God, met this barrier.

✓ The Jew also had sin for he had not lived up to the light given him in God's revelation. God cannot be indifferent toward sin. He must deal with it, he can punish the sinner or He can redeem him.

✓ But the day of Calvary destroyed the veil. It broke through all separation, hence the missionary passion for the Greek the bond and the free - let them all come. Christ's mission was to tell the world that I opened up all the world to God with my Life. This is everyman's highway. Let no man, no church, no theology, no ecclesiastical decree seek to place restrictions or create barriers which Jesus, at so great a cost, had tumbled into the dust.

1 Thess. 1:8 Jessie Rogers - a miss. to China - speaking in Ch. near Boston. She had cut a path out of woods - one blue winter in to - pointing out charts, maps, making Spanish on miss. station, pointing out, some fine lady named head of mission & went down side - down with to get it above her. "I'm coming after you." Then he went after people who were not supporting him.

IV- Things that produced the cross:

The world was in darkness and as we think of the tidings of the cross, this morning, let us think for a moment of some of the elements producing this cross.

1. The religious people

The religious people of that day numbered Jesus among the transgressors. It is true that those who were loudest in

their religious professions were also loud in their protest. They saw in him heal on the Sabbath and they said He is destroying the law of Moses. They heard him say that he would destroy and rebuild the temple, they watched the people he associated with. He is a friend of the sinner. Organized religion was at the cross and the evil thing about the Anti-Christ is the resemblance of Christ. He is so like Christ that He can successfully claim to stand in His place.

2. Politics

Both the Jews and the Romans looked upon Jesus with an evil eye. The Jews had hoped that He would lead a revolt. No praise was too high for Him, but Jesus did not lead a revolution.

On the Roman side, they charged Him as being against Caesar. So politics joined hands with religion, and these agents of power were ready to crucify Him.

3. The crowd:

The ordinary people were there, those who would quickly join such a throng. The average man was at the cross. The same forces, religious, political and social are still operating today. These people judge Christ, First of all the religious people today are complacent. Second, the great majority of political leaders are self-centered and third the great mass of society gives little thought to the moral and spiritual issues of life. The forces line up the day exactly as they did when Jesus was Crucified.

V An act of suffering:

Someone said I don't want anyone to suffer for me and to bear my sins. I do not think that is necessary. To understand this, we must realize that this is the will of Jesus Himself. It was his own deliberate act.

What Jesus, as he goes right among the sinful people, and there was baptized in Jordan. The early church felt that Jesus it was strange that Jesus, the sinless one; had to submit himself. That Jesus was doing that day at the Jordan was to identify himself with the unfortunate. He was making their troubles His troubles, their shame, His shame. We see him make friendship with Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene. Then we see him die between two thieves.

What is it we really see at Calvary. He could have avoided