

A Pastor's Heart

Encouragement from Pastor McGill

He thought you were worth it

Matthew 27:45-46 *Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, E'-li, E'-li, la'-ma sa-bach'-tha-ni? That is to say, My God, My God, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?*

This is one of the greatest moments in human history. Jesus willfully goes to Calvary to be crucified on a cross for the sins of the world. These were our sins that He took upon himself. He was willing to go through excruciating pain and public humiliation because he thought you were worth it. Every sin was paid for and has been accounted for by Him. This kind of love for us defies our human understanding. How can God still love me, after I have done so many horrific things? It is not necessary to understand how, we must accept that He does and receive this greater love.

In the text darkness fell all over the land about the sixth hour. The sixth hour is 12 noon. It is not a normal occurrence for it to be dark at 12 noon. Something abnormal is occurring at this hour. The Bible in 2 Corinthians 5:21: For He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. It is at this moment that Jesus began to take on the sins of world. Every sin that could be conceived, He became. This was not a normal day. Jesus is now the Lamb that would be sacrificed to appease the wrath of God against us. Darkness fell because God The Father in Heaven can not fellowship with sin. He had to leave Jesus at the moment He became sin. We see in the text that Jesus never cried out, while they were mocking, beating and shouting at Him. We see this cry of being left alone and forsaken by God that pulled this plea from our Lord. For the first time in eternity past, Jesus was separated from the Father. This hurt him tremendously. For three hours until 3pm, Jesus was hanging there on the cross, separated from His Father, for our sins. He thought you were worth it. No one has ever loved you this much. Never allow anyone to determine your value. Always remember that Jesus has already proven that you are worth it. Make it a great day.

Blessings and Peace

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