

Calvary Should Be Remembered Every Day!

St. John 19:30, "Jesus... said, It is finished."

Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

Calvary should be remembered every day. And we've heard so much about it, read so much about it. Preachers have preached on it since the beginning of time. Singers have sung of it through the ages. Prophets foretold it four thousand years before it ever happened (*Ps. 22:1-18; Isaiah 50:6; 53:1-12*), and **the prophets of this day** point back to when it did happen. **It's such an important day.**

It's one of the most important days of all the days that God ever let dawn on the earth.

If this day being so important, **one of the greatest days**, let us **look at three different things that day meant to us.** We could take hundreds. But I have just chosen three different vital things that we want to look at for the next few moments, that Calvary meant to us. And **I pray that it'll condemn every sinner that's present, it'll make every saint go on to his knees, that'll make every sick person raise his faith to God and walk away healed, every sinner saved, every backslider come back and be ashamed of himself, and every saint rejoice and take new hold and new hope.**

The one great important thing that Calvary means to us and the world is **it settled the sin question once for all** (*I John 3:9; 5:18*). Man was found guilty of sin, and sin was a penalty that no man could pay (*Rom. 3:23-27*). The penalty was so great until there wasn't anyone that could pay the penalty. I truly believe that God ordained it that way, that the penalty would be so great that no man could pay it, **so He could do it Himself** (*Isaiah 53:4-5; Heb. 2:14-16*).

Now, **the penalty of sin was death** (*Rom. 6:23*). And we were all borned in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies (*Isaiah 64:6; Rom. 3:4; Psalm 116:11*). **Therefore, there wasn't none of us that was worthy,** nor they could find no one on earth that was worthy (*Rev. 5:1-5*).

And sin did not start on the earth. **Sin started in heaven. Lucifer, the devil, was a condemned creature for his disobedience before he ever struck the earth.** Sin began in heaven, where God put the angels and so forth upon the same basis that He put human beings on. The Tree of Life, and the tree of knowledge, where man could take his choice (*Gen. 2:15-17*). **And when Lucifer was given the preeminence to make his choice, he**

wanted something better than God had. That started the trouble (*Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-17*).

First, we should seek what that day meant. Second, we should see what that day has done for us. Now, **third, let's look at what we ought to do for that day, what ought we to do.**

First, we should look into it, for it's a great day, **greatest of all the days. Sin price was settled. Satan's power was broken** (*Col. 2:13-15; Gen. 3:15*). And now, we want to see what we should do in return.

Now, in return, is when Jesus died at Calvary, on Calvary that day **He not only paid the price for our sins, but He also paid the price and made a way that we could follow Him** (*Heb. 10:19-23*). For we, as the fallen Adam that's been redeemed, as the Spirit led Adam, the first Adam, by the Spirit that had control of all nature... (*I Cor. 15:45-50*). Then we, the man of the earth has been redeemed by Christ from the day at Calvary, **can follow Him.**

That's what Calvary meant to you: on **the highway** (*Isaiah 35:8*)--opened up that day for you.

Now, **when He died at Calvary, He made a way. He gave up the Spirit, the Holy Spirit that sent it back to the earth for you and I to live by** (*Luke 24:48-49*). **That's what Calvary means to us to follow Him.**

First, look into it. **See what it did for us, and now what must we do in regards to it.** What must you and I do? Now, we say, "Well, I appreciate that. That's very fine." **But we've got to accept it. And to accept it is to accept His Person, Christ, in our heart** (*John 1:12-13; 17:3*). **Then we are free from sin** (*Rom. 8:1-2*). Therefore, there's no sin shackles hanging on us at all. Just like we had never sinned... (*Rom. 6:15-18; Gal. 3:13*).

The perfect sacrifice made us perfect (*Heb. 10:10,14*). For Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." (*Matt. 5:48*). Then there is no more to be done, **but we are made perfect in the Presence of God.**

Now, there's where we lose our position. If we don't watch, we try to look back to what we were; and as long as we look back to what we were, the sacrifice means nothing to us. Oh, can't you see it, church? I would not try the job; I can't, and neither can you. **There's no need of trying.** You're lost to begin with, as long as you look to what you've done. **But don't look to what you've done, look what that day on Calvary did to you.**

It paid your price (*I Peter 1:18-20*). It settled the question. Your sins be as scarlet, they're as white as snow: red like crimson, white like wool (*Isaiah 1:18*). **Then you have no sin. You are perfectly sinless. No matter what you done or what you do, you're still sinless. As long as you've accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, your sins are forgiven.** Anything that's forgiven is remitted and forgot about (*Jer. 31:34b*).

Then what does it do? It gives you, after that condition, **His Spirit to follow Him and to do as He did, for others who is following on.**

He was just one Man, the perfect Man. He gave His life, **and He made an example for you.**

Now, what must we do. Now, the first thing I want to say is: **Jesus never lived for Himself. His Life was spent for others. That's perfectly Eternal Life.** When you say you go to church and you do good things, that's fine. **But when you live your life to yourself, you haven't Eternal Life. Eternal life is living for others** (*II Cor. 5:14-15; Matt. 25:31-40*).

It proved it when He come in the Lamb of God (*John 1:29*). He lived and had Eternal Life, **because He did not live for Himself. He lived for others. And you receive Eternal Life by receiving that day, and you don't live for yourself no more. You live for others** (*Rom. 14:7-8*).

Someone said, "How can you stand and let anyone call you such bad names?" You don't live for yourself. **You live for others that you might redeem that man** (*I John 5:16*). **You become sons.** And the trouble of it is that the church has forgot they were sons. You are sons (*Gal. 4:6-7*). **You're taking Christ's place** (*II Cor. 5:20*). **You are sons; so don't live for yourself; live for others.**

"Well, Brother Branham, I can live for this brother because he sure is a nice man." That's not it. **Live for that man who hates you.** Live for that person who'd kill you if they could. That's what they done to Him. They killed Him, **and He died that He might save them. That's Eternal Life. When you get that in your bosom, you're facing heaven then.** But you sacrifice your own things, give them up like the sheep gives its wool. You look on towards Calvary.

Now, notice, the greater works was to have the power in the church, not only to heal the sick by prayer, cast out devils by prayer, **but to impart Eternal Life to believers** (*John 14:12*). **The Holy Ghost was coming and given into the hands of the church to impart life. Oh, that's what Calvary meant.** [1]

When the Great Shepherd was smitten, the Great Sheep-prophet when He was smitten back there, He said, "It is finished!" (*John 19:30*). And that minute, as soon as this Shepherd was smitten, it was over. **Sin is settled, there was no more sin. They were clean, the penalty was paid. The believers whose names were written in the Book of Life, predestinated from the foundation of the world, it was finished that very minute that Jesus said it was finished.** He, that Great Shepherd, had come for His sheep (*John 10:14-18*). **It was finished,** God's right hand was pulled from His bosom, smitten. Then on Easter He returned it, raised it up again to His bosom, and extended it down to you and I, **in the form of His Word, to redeem us back to the original garden from which sin took us from.** The hidden secret of His great heart was revealed by a Prophet-shepherd. It was revealed by a Shepherd, Prophet-shepherd.

No wonder the mountains jumped and shouted on that day. No wonder the sun hid its face and screamed for joy (*Matt. 27:45-53*). No wonder all nature broke loose; the wind shook the trees until they shook and shook, and joyed, and jumped. They seen the Prophet-shepherd, on the mountain, **redeem every name on the Book of Life**. And they seen that their own nature was redeemed! They screamed, and jumped. And the world went into an earthquake. And the mountains rent, and the rocks fell out. And the sun went down. And everything taken place. Like any meeting, when the Shepherd reveals to you that "it's finished!" [2]

When God looked down upon the body... The Spirit left Him, in the Garden of Gethsemane. **He had to die, a man** (*John 19:25-30*). **Remember, friends, He didn't have to do that. That was God. God anointed that flesh, which was human flesh** (*Rom. 8:3-4*). If He'd went up there as God, He'd have never died that kind of death; can't kill God. **But He didn't have to do it. But, remember, He went there with you in Him. See, God had never separated the Bride from the Groom, yet. So when God looked down upon the body of Christ, He saw both male and female. It was all redeemed in that one body. See? They are one, same, same Word. The same Word, spoke of the Groom, speaks of the Bride!**

Well, how can the Bride come, and fail to manifest everything was promised of Him; and **the Groom come, and He wouldn't be the Bride?** But when He did everything, even to proving it by raising Himself up from the dead, afterwards, then doesn't the Bride have to do the same thing, have to be exactly what the Word said She would be in these last days? Doesn't She have to return through Malachi 4? Doesn't She have to be manifested like it was in the days of Sodom? Doesn't the world have to be just exactly like it is? Aren't these things a perfect identification of the Word of God made known to us?

But God foresaw the Bride in the Groom. Hallelujah! See, to save His Wife, like Adam, He had to go with Her. Adam knowed what he was doing; Eve didn't know what she was doing, but Adam walked out with his wife. See? And Jesus took His Wife's place and became sin for Her. Remember, He became you, He stood your punishment, that you might stand in His place. He stood in your place, that you might stand in His place. What a love! What a fellowship! How can we deny it? How can we do anything but love Him, friend? [3]

Reference:

[1] "That Day On Calvary" (60-0925), pg. 7-8,14-19

[2] "Why It Had To Be Shepherds" (64-1221), par. 181-182

[3] "It Is The Rising Of The Sun" (65-0418M), pg. 34-35

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]