

Title: The Humble Shall See

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Often believers feel that God has left us alone for a season. We are unable to find any comfort, any peace, or any assurance. Many evils have surround us. Our sin lays heavy upon us. It is impossible to describe how afraid, how sorrowful and how ashamed we become. Surely some of you, brethren, know what I mean. Perhaps, you have been there or perhaps some of you are there now. I opened God's word and one verse caught my attention.

Psalm 69: 32: The humble shall see *this, and* be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

Our faithful Father sends us seasons of sorrow to humble us.

Our flesh is proud by nature, everything but meek. We are full of sin. So full of sin that we often forget that in our flesh dwells no good thing. Our Father's chastening hand often humbles us most when he makes us to think he has removed his hand from us forever. By humbling us he makes us to seek him. Then he makes us to see. Then he makes us glad and our hearts live. The humble shall see, and be glad.

This Psalm is David's prayer. This has been my prayer and your prayer? What we will see here, David experienced. But David's gladness, and yours and mine, is that this is the experience of our Savior. This is the prayer of David's Lord. This Psalm is "to the chief Musician upon, or concerning. the Lily." Christ Jesus our Lord is the Lily of the valley. Here the Lily is compassed by thorns.

Psalm 69: 1: Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul. 2: I sink in deep mire, where *there is* no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. 3: I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

You who have experienced this kind of soul sorrow are glad that your Savior has experienced it. He is able to comfort us. Charles Spurgeon said, "The standing consolation of the godly is the experience of their Lord, for as he is so are we also in this world."

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Question: WHAT IS IT THAT THE HUMBLE SEE?

I. First, See Your Savior Restoring What He Did Not Take Away.

Psalm 69: 4: They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away.

God's glory was taken away. The communion of his people--our oneness with God--was severed. By whom? By us. I robbed God of his glory by my own sin against God. "My sins have separated me from my God." God said that of us. Can you say that of yourself?

Yet, Christ did not take away God's glory, he did not take way our union with God. But the Lord Jesus Christ restored God's glory. He brings each of his redeemed into sweet union with our God. How?

Isaiah 53: 5: But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him;...

Christ fulfilled the law, he never broke. He satisfied justice he never offended. He restored glory and fellowship between God and a multitude of chosen sinners which he never took away. Look and see, brethren. For all those he represented, the Spotless Lamb of God restored--brought back, returned to God--what we took away.

Isaiah 53: 5:...and with his stripes we are healed.

II. Secondly, See Your Savior Owning Your Sin as His Sin

Psalm 69: 5: O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

I was the fool saying, "No, God!" I counted his gospel foolishness. All we are is sin; all we are is transgression against God. David could say this of himself and you and I can say of it ourselves without reservation.

Isaiah 53: 6: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way

Yet, our Substitute owned the sins of those given to him as his own. **O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.**

Matthew Henry--This may aptly be applied to Christ, for he knew no sin, yet he was made sin for us; and God knew it, nor was it hidden from him, when it pleased the Lord to bruise him and put him to grief (2 Cor 5:21)

We sinners hated him without a cause, we sinners were his enemies wrongfully, but God turned his back on our Redeemer justly

I understand the concern that men have, that we dare not charge our Savior with being a sinner. Scriptures are clear: He is the Just One. In him is no sin. In his mother's womb he was that Holy Thing. There was no guile in him. He could have not died for the unjust had he not been just.

Yet, in order for God to remain just in pouring out wrath on our Substitute, God had to make him who knew no sin, sin for us. Our Substitute had to be made the horrid thing he was not in his own person. He had to be made what all his elect are.

See him in the Garden of Gethsemane:

Luke 22:44: And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

I would like to say that I know how offensive my sin is to my God. Truthfully, I do not know the depths of it. Sin is all I have ever been. I have never known holy perfection so that I can know how offensive sin really is.

My Savior does! The sin which the spotless Lamb of God was made, the bruising hand of God's justice which he would justly bear to maintain God's glory while saving his brethren, was the trouble of soul that caused agony in this Perfect One who knew no sin.

Isaiah 53: 10: Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him;

Brethren, try to enter into the faithfulness and love of God our Savior, the faithfulness of Christ Jesus toward his Father and toward his brethren. He was made flesh that he might willingly be made sin. This was his Father's business.

John 12:27: Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Isaiah 53: the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all...10: For it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11: He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Those who are humbled by his grace see our Savior mourning our sin as his own. He makes us glad and our hearts live.

2 Corinthians 1: 5: For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

III. Thirdly, See Your Savior Praying to God for You

Psalm 69: 6: Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

Why would his children be ashamed or confounded at him?

Psalm 69: 7: Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face. 8: I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

His own kinsmen, the Jews, received him not. His nearest kin did not believe him. Judas betrayed him. Peter denied him three times. When he was about to suffer death, all his brethren fled and left him alone.

Man of sorrows what a name,
For the Son of God who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Psalm 69: 9: For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

His zeal for God's church caused him to journey from heavens glory to this sin-cursed place. Yet, the more his zeal for his Father's glory shined among sinners the more our reproach for God fell upon him.

Psalm 69: 10: When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach. 11: I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them. 12: They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.

Have you prayed for your brethren then had the very brethren you prayed for treat you as an enemy? He more! Have you sacrificed for your brethren only to have them speak as if you showed them no love at all? He more! When he ate and drank as others, we called him a gluttonous man and a winebibber. When he wept over sinners, separated himself to pray for his own, going for days without food, we said he had a devil and was mad. The only one he found comfort in was his God, your God. Our Mediator prays to God, saying,

Psalm 69: 19: Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all before thee. 20: Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

Do you feel alone? He more! But believer you are never alone. He who suffered at the hand of friend and foe has promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Psalm 69: 21: They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Isaiah 50:6: I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Isaiah 53: 14: As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

Isaiah 53: 4: Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Sadly, without his intercession for us, we would see no glory in the shame he bore in our room and stead and for the sake of God's glory. But why do you see and why are you glad? Because he prays for you, saying, **Psalm 69: 6: Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.**

Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned he stood
Sealed my pardon with his blood
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

IV. Fourthly, see the Faithfulness of our God our Father and our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 69: 13: But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

Our Savior is declaring that his times are in the hands of God his Father. He asks that in an acceptable time--when all is finished, when satisfaction is made--in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

Psalm 69: 14: Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. 15: Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. 16: Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies....29: But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

Brethren see the faithfulness of our Redeemer who represented us in faithfulness to God amidst all his suffering. Now, see the faithfulness of God our Father and hear the Lord's song!

Psalm 69: 30: I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving....34: Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein. 35: For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession. 36: The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

Lifted up was He to die
"It is finished!" was his cry
Now in heav'n exalted high
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Have the waters come in unto your soul? Do you pour out your hearts prayer to God to save you?_See your Savior who restored what he took not away. See your Savior who owned your sin as His. See your Savior

praying to God for you. See the Faithfulness of God our Father and our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ who raised him to the right hand of glory! God will save his people. They will dwell with him. And you that love him will dwell there.

When He comes
Our glorious King
All his ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Psalm 69: 32: The humble shall see *this, and* be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God. 33: For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.