

CHRIST'S DYING THOUGHTS

The Lord's Supper

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What was Jesus thinking as He was hanging upon the cross? Various Scriptures, and especially His statements upon the cross, offer insight into this matter. It is a question worthy of meditation, for in those words and thoughts we learn more of our Savior's heart for mankind, of His obedience to God's Law, and of His obedience to His Father.

1. He thought of His mother's welfare:

“Woman, behold thy son. Son, behold thy mother.” John 19:26-27

2. He thought of the Old Testament Law and of His fulfillment of it:

A. John 19:28 “After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.”

B. John 19:30 “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”

C. Matthew 27:46 “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

3. He thought of those for whom He was dying:

A. Isaiah 53:10 “Yet 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.”

B. John 10:2-15 (2) “But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (3) To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and **he calleth his own sheep by name**, and leadeth them out. (11) **I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.** (12) But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. (13) The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. (14) I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. (15) As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

C. Luke 23:34 “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

D. Luke 23:43 “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

4. He thought on His father's acceptance of Him.

Luke 23:46 “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.”