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Comprehending the shed blood, the cross, and the death of Christ

Wednesday
January 17, 24
Morning sun



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- Making Melody #396 “Speak To Us, Lord”
 - Speak to us, Lord, in this brief hour today
 - Give light upon the written word we pray
 - Stir heart and mind to heed and to obey
 - For this we plead.

My soul longs to comprehend the meaning of the blood of Christ.

- Ephesians 2:13
- But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Please remember my Sunday school presentation from December 17, 2023 where I introduced the longing of our soul. I said that this longing requires two things, separation and coming together. Or being an individual, yet being part of what I belong to.

In our verse we have the word brought “near”. I know our first thought is doctrinal, and a truth revealed about the perfect work of Christ.

And beside knowing this, let's see about knowing it better. When I talked about the German word for longing, "Das Sehen" it describes the feeling, which is not like wanting something we can go and get, it is rather something that exists already. We cannot apprehend it, not simply a representation, but a presentation. We cannot buy it; it already owns us. As McGilchrist writes, "It longs me." As he explains the German word "Die Sehen" is translated as tendon in English, and this gives a picture of the body held together by tendons. No longer just a puzzle is put together, but seeing it completed not the parts.

Now, being brought near, I suggest can be presented, comprehended, and likened to the tendons that hold the bones and sinews, the tendons act to move apart yet be in union, and move together, yet be separate.

My soul longs to comprehend the meaning of the cross of Christ.

- “Jesus did not die as a quiet stupor passed over Him which comes in bleeding to death” G.V. Wigram Page 52 **The Blood, The Cross, The Death of Christ**
- “At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” Mark 15:34 NASB (Hebrew written shows the big picture, to the details and back to the picture)
- “The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29 NASB

In **Hebrew**, the saying would be "אֱלֹהֵי
לָמָּה עָזַבְתָּנִי" (ēlī ēlī, lāmā 'azabtānī
in Biblical Hebrew, eli eli lama azavtani
in Modern Hebrew pronunciation),
while the Syriac-Aramaic phrase
according to the Peshitta would be
Syriac: ܐܠܗܝܐ ܠܡܗ ܫܒܩܬܢܐ,
romanized: ʔēl ʔēl lāmā šəḇaqtān
(Matthew 27:46) or ...

“Through the cross” Ephesians 2:16

“Behold the Lamb of God” John 1:29

- Ephesians 2:16 “and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.”
- John 1:29 “The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
- Applying the same truth, not just to apprehend, and put a puzzle piece in our minds eye. Rather, this body was won through the cross.

Repeating the theme, we are in His body, the church, we are individuals connected to the Lord, and if you will, by tendons connect our body.

Further, we picture, and not just look on this awful scene, take in some information about it, memorize it, rather it is “behold!”

My soul longs to comprehend the meaning of the death of Christ.

And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" NASB Mark 15:37-39

"So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe."
John 19:32-35

Longing to and seeing, the connection

- Seeing Christ was dead, they did not break his legs, yet a soldier pierced His body,
- Another saw more than looking, he was taken by the Spirit to behold this and proclaim “Truly this is the Son of God.”
- The Apostle John, brings this scene for us to be led, and connected to this where the expression surmounts to a the picture: “See” “Know” Truth” and “believe.”

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14, 2024
4:30 pm

