

# Words From the Cross pt 6

Seven sayings are recorded in the Gospels that Jesus said on the cross. Let's examine what was written for us as Jesus was being crucified:

3 sayings come from the Gospel of Luke. 3 sayings come from the Gospel of John. 1 is repeated in Matthew & Mark.

Since asphyxia, or being unable to breathe, is a result of being crucified, it took great effort to speak. Jesus thought these things were essential to say and the Holy Spirit considered them essential to record for us to know and when we put them in order, they give us a message.

## **1. FORGIVENESS IS FOREMOST - Luke 23:34**

## **2. PARADISE IS PROMISED - Luke 23:43.**

## **3. A NEW MOTHER IS GIVEN - John 19:23.**

## **4. GOD'S PROPHECY IS FULFILLED - Matthew 27:46 Mark 15:34**

## **5. GOD'S VENGEANCE IS PROMISED - John 19:28**

## **6. GODS SALVATION THROUGH FAITH - Luke 23:46**

**Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, pinto your hands I commit my spirit!"**

A. "My God, My God! Why have you forsaken me?" - PSALM 22!! fulfilled in front of your eyes!

"I Thirst"... the response of vinegar points to PSALM 69 - What will befall the ones who put Christ on the cross.

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" - PSALM 31 - the final words of faith from the afflicted.

1 *In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; Let me never be ashamed; In Your righteousness deliver me. 2 Incline Your ear to me, rescue me quickly; Be to me a rock of strength, A stronghold to save me. 3 For You are my rock and my fortress; For Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me. 4 You will pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, For You are my strength. ABSOLUTE FAITH that God is in control and the secret evil of men will fail.*

2 *Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth. Jesus declares Himself UNCLEAN!!*

REDEEMED - pay a price - Ex. 13:13 *Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.* Jesus was offered by God as the redemption price for the things that are unclean, to make them Holy by Law & acceptable to God.

The SACRIFICE made Jesus Holy again to God, NOT HIS KEEPING OF LAW & TRADITION!

3. *I will rejoice and be glad in Your lovingkindness, Because You have seen my affliction; You have known the troubles of my soul, 8 And You have not given me over into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a large place. (Freedom)*

Seen & Known His affliction & trouble = God allowed it but will not forsake Him, but will deliver Him from enemy.

4. *Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; My eye is wasted away from grief, my soul and my body also. 10 For my life is spent with sorrow And my years with sighing; My strength has failed because of my iniquity, And my body has wasted away. 11 Because of all my adversaries, I have become a reproach, Especially to my neighbors, And an object of dread to my acquaintances; Those who see me in the street flee from me. 12 I am forgotten as a dead man, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel. 13 For I have heard the slander of many, Terror is on every side; While they took counsel together against me, They schemed to take away my life. Jesus asks for GRACE in His punishment because ALL others turn away.*

5. *But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD, I say, "You are my God." 15 My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who persecute me. 16 Make Your face to shine upon Your servant; Save me in Your lovingkindness. This was said at the NINTH HOUR. The return of the sun shining upon Him would signal approval.*

6. A promise to all who are unclean, who are afflicted by men, whose strength has failed & are rejected by men:

*How great is Your goodness, Which You have stored up for those who fear You, Which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You, Before the sons of men! Goodness = gladness, beauty, prosperity, good things*

*You hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the conspiracies of man; You keep them secretly in a shelter from the strife of tongues. PEACE!! untroubled by evil men. protected from the ways of the world.*

*As for me, I said in my alarm, "I am cut off from before Your eyes"; Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications When I cried to You. Nothing in this world can separate you from God, call for Him and He will help.*

*O love the LORD, all you His godly ones! The LORD preserves the faithful And fully recompenses the proud doer. 24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, All you who hope in the LORD.*

The return of sunlight would fulfill Psalm 31:16 and would bring Jesus' final words:

**It is finished.**

And we will finish next week.