

## LEAD ME TO CALVARY

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through all of chapter 53 we see a description of the coming Savior that doesn't seem like a good "sales pitch!" 53: 2 - 4 says, "He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Such a description doesn't seem to match the one I will now share from Song of Solomon 5. The "beloved" had come to the door of his "sister... spouse... love... dove... undefiled" and urged her to open for him to enter. In a species of madness, the lady made excuses, such as her having got ready for bed, had washed her feet and didn't want to get them dirty and had put on loads of perfume! She excused herself, although her heart yearned in love for the one who stood just outside the door, calling for her to let him in.

That doesn't sound possible, yet it has been being repeated, world-wide, times without number, through the rolling millennia. **It happens today in London.** I believe there are untold numbers of people who, for whatever reasons, refuse to open the door to Jesus Christ. There is a large painting in St. Paul's Cathedral of Christ knocking at the door, which is

taken from Rev. 3:20. It is called The Light of the World. As one song says:

**"He stood at my heart's door  
mid sunshine and rain,  
And patiently waited an entrance to gain.  
What shame that so long  
He entreated in vain,  
For He is so precious to me!"**

Finally, **the lady** in Song of Solomon 5 **came to her senses.** She ran out in search for her beloved, but failed to find him, for he had gone away. She called out to him, but got no reply. This is a danger to any who fail to respond quickly to the voice of God and the warm and loving call of His Spirit.

We see **this same lady** going through the streets asking people if they had seen him. They mocked and assaulted her, and rudely removed her veil to make her appear immodest and a disgrace to society. One old song asks, "Is this vile world a friend to grace, to help us on to God?" Of course not. Yet, the lady strongly declared her lovesickness for her missing beloved. The people then asked the lady why she thinks her beloved is greater than any other. After a love-filled poetic description of the human *treasure* she adored, she said "Yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend" (5:16).

**This woman's passion** and graphic description of her beloved friend, caused the citizens then to ask, "Where has your beloved gone, that we may seek him with you?" (6:1). They may seek Him AND find Him! **May such a chain-reaction take place here in London!**

**LEAD ME TO CALVARY** (inside right) is a song of the hours around Christ's crucifixion. "Calvary" is another name for the site of the crucifixion. The song's lyrics appeal for God to help us not to forget His love-prompted agony and expense to provide our salvation. Many things can cause a person to forget or "neglect so great salvation" (Heb.2:1). The lady, above, carelessly/foolishly lost her beloved. Some writers say this pictures a dream she had. The Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah, loved both God and God's people. Foretelling Israel's deep, true, & effective repentance and return to God, he said it was a sweet dream (31:26)! Oh, London, "awake from stupidity & false security; stop sinning against God" (1 Cor. 15:34; Rom. 13:11; Eph. 5:14; 1 Thess.5:6). Isa. 52:1 "Awake, Awake! Put on your beautiful garments" of TRUE HOLINESS in Christ! Isa. 52:7 "How beautiful...!" 53:2 "There is no beauty." Not contradiction, but a choice!

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Wikipedia's article on "Thanksgiving (United States)" makes it clear that America was founded primarily on the belief in and worship of God. That article's 1777 quote of Samuel Adams shows well the God-fearing and God-acknowledging lives of many of its "Founding Fathers."

Supposedly, since 1947, a live turkey and two "dressed" ones have been presented to the US President. At some point, it became a tradition to "pardon" the living turkey! I saw a photo of Pres. John F. Kennedy apparently giving such a turkey a "stay of execution." Three days later, he himself was executed by the hidden powers that have been bringing in the "New World Order"

under their God-hating, God denying power.

There was A Different Person who not only stood against evil earthly powers, but stood against the Devil himself. Speaking of Jesus, and comparing Him to the rest of us, the Bible says this: "Inasmuch then as the children (us!) have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2: 14,15).

In verse 9 of that same chapter it says "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone." That word "taste" doesn't mean a quick or superficial sip.

A man expressed his sympathy for  
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**MISSION IMPOSSIBLE! A Sealed Book!! (Rev. 5) No one was worthy to open it...well, almost no one!** The text says that the Life-giving, world-embracing & soul-saving credentials of Jesus made Him worthy to open the book! Rev. 20:12 says "And the books were opened. And another book was opened..." These "books" should arrest the attention of all on this globe. In the Old Testament book, Isaiah, God exposes to our view, another sealed book. The sealed book is offered to a literate person, saying "Read this, please." He replies, "I cannot, for it is sealed." It is offered likewise courteously, though urgently, to an illiterate person, who says, "I can't read." But God there showed us His heartache, disgust and rejection of all such excuse-making. He said, "these people draw near with their mouths and honour Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me" (Isa. 29: 13). Jesus said the same about society, in general (Matt. 11:16ff). **THANK GOD, HE** has made a Way for us all, when there WAS no way! Open the Book. Open your heart. Make no excuses.

## THANKSGIVING

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another who had terrible burns from a rope being pulled through his hands. His sympathy, though *genuine*, was not from *experience*. Sometime later, the sympathetic man had an energetic calf (young cow) pull a rope similarly through *his own hands*, leaving painful burns across them. God sympathised with man's pains and even death, but *in Jesus Christ, He experienced it!*

Jesus personally brings the needs of all true believers to God the Father, having ascended after His death and resurrection\*. He does this, having experienced not only *death* like us, but also *life and its difficulties, as well!* This is what Heb. 4:14-16 says: "*Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*"

A young Japanese student once asked me why Buddha seemed so **happy** and Jesus so **sad**. In her mind, she saw a bulging, beaming Buddha contrasted to a cursed and crucified Christ. I replied, again from Hebrews, but chapter 12:1-3 where it blends the two *seemingly-opposing* emotions into one. It shows both of these possessing the heart, mind and will of our Saviour, as it again urges us: "*Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,*

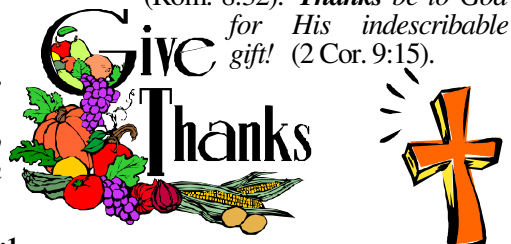
*and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.*"

We should express the greatest **Thanksgiving** that Christ's **joy** to rescue us from sin and hell caused Him to **gladly** face the pain and shame of the Cross. Neither Christ nor the Father had a pleasure in torture and death. It was the immeasurable and inconceivable love for lost, sinful and hell-bound humanity that caused God to give His Son, **AND** for Christ to willingly go to the Cross.

"**A bad woman**" came in where Jesus was a guest. She silently cleaned His feet with her tears. She kissed them as she dried them with her hair and applied fragrant oil. Christ told a story to His indignant host, which taught that "*he who is forgiven much, loves much, and he who is forgiven little, loves little*" (Lk. 7:47). **He sent the dear lady away in complete peace;** forgiven for her past sins.

If we could see the holiness of God, the terribly rebelling/revolting nature of man's sin, **BUT ALSO** truly experience the undeserved mercy of God's forgiveness like the lady above, **THEN** we would all "*love much!*" Keep sin in perspective! It wasn't what we might call "a capital crime" that caused Adam to lose Paradise, but "just" disobedience; rebellion against the loving government of God. God's forgiveness grants a **pardon greater than any President can give!**

Thousands of years *before*, **God had spared** Abraham from sacrificing his son, Isaac. However, the Bible says in contrast, that God "*spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all*" (Rom. 8:32). "*Thanks be to God*



\*Rom. 8:34; 1Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7: 25; 9:24; 1Jn. 2:1

## Lead Me To Calvary



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*I should have been crucified.  
I should have suffered and died.  
I should have hung on the Cross in disgrace,  
But Jesus, God's Son took my place!*  
(Gordon Jensen)

The article ending at the bottom of the page at the left ends with a contrast of the sacrifices of two sons. One belonged to Abraham; the other was God's. Abraham's son, Isaac, was spared by an angel sent from God. Yet, by direct, Divine action, Christ was **not** spared. Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, announced that Jesus was "*the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world*" (Jn. 1:29). However, John's announcement was long-before preceded by the eternal appointment of God, for Christ was "*the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*"! (Rev. 13:8).

Reading the life of Christ as seen in the Bible, we see the unparalleled glory of God displayed in His *words and works* in this world. Heb. 1: 1-3 bursts out all boundaries and perimeter fences, so to speak, and gives the fuller view of Christ's "**CV,**" which is such as no one else *has* or *can ever* equal or surpass.

During His brief earthly ministry of three years, Jesus faced **the most dreadful... the most pitiful... I could say, the most stupid** resistance and opposition, even prior to the Crucifixion. My recent reading of the period approaching the Cross renewed my exposure to this horrific...*and willful...* ignorance. They just refused to stop resisting their own rescue! **It is only matched by today.**

The front-page article tries to show why we should *all* offer **Thanksgiving** to

God, both in *words* and *living*. This is based upon the fact of His priceless and precious Gift of Salvation. That Gift comes through the one and only means He Himself supplied: Jesus Christ, His long-promised Messiah-Savior.

This Gift is **timeless** and **global** in its application. It applied, "by faith," **before**, as well as **after** Christ came, was crucified and rose again. "**Salvation by faith in Christ alone**" is not a mere "**religion,**" nor an **invention of Jews, Europeans or Americans in order to con people.** From the time of Adam to the time Christ came to earth, man was saved and accepted by God strictly by repentance and faith, and all that flows from those two elements (such as *obedience*). Heb. 6: 9 calls them "*things that accompany salvation.*"

So what makes this salvation so unique and great? In the previous issue of our little paper, the front-page article was titled "**JESUS' WIFE.**" A young lady passed by me last month at **King's Cross**, took a paper, and while walking away, turned and said with a smile: "**I am Jesus' wife!**" If she is walking with the Lord **HIS Way**, she is correct...but not merely because she is a *born-female* (as wives are to be in *earthly* marriages).

The *uniqueness*, and *singular greatness* of Christ and the salvation from sin He brings is illustrated in part by "husband-wife" relationship as seen in the Bible. A classic example is seen in that literal love story in which God also shows how the relationship is supposed to be between man and the Savior God gave to man. I refer to the Bible "Book" called variously *Song of Songs* or *Song of Solomon* or *Canticles*.

Space does not permit great detail, so I will focus on a specific incident in that Book. Before sharing this "incident," I will admit what may *appear* to be a great contradiction! In the God-inspired words of the prophet, Isaiah, in 52:13

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