

Empowered by the Blood #3: Being redeemed from the Curse

Introduction:

Recap of Last Week –

- 1). Jesus spilled his blood at the whipping post, the place of humiliation. A place where the world would break us down, Therefore his blood brought life to our whipping post.
- 2). By his stripes we are healed. The guarantee of God's promise is written on the back of our savior
- 3). We must discern the Lord's Body that was broken for us, so that we don not have to die before our time.

Text: Matt 27:27-31

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the **Praetorium** and gathered the whole garrison around Him.

28 And they **stripped Him** and put a scarlet robe on Him.

29 When they had twisted a **crown of thorns**, they put it on His head, and a **reed in His right hand**. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, **King of the Jews!**"

30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

Expound –

They bring Jesus into the Romans Guard inner quarters and the elite Roman soldiers began to mock him.

1). They Stripped him – They desired to dress him up to what they feel he should be. This is a act our sinful nature that we desire to strip God of who he really is. We try to make him up to be what we desire him to be, when we are habitually sinning we only picture in our minds that He is a compassionate, merciful God. And he is supposed to tolerate our sinful behavior. WHO IS GOD TO YOU? Well that depends on what I'm going through.

In Essence we can be as guilty as these mocking soldiers.

2). They put a CROWN of thorns – Made from the curse of the earth

They wrapped a crown of thorns that was made from the earth, that which was cursed. As a representation of crowing Him with the curse of their lives. Jesus is King of the curse.

3). They Put a REED in HIS right hand. – They made a scepter out of a reed and placed it in His RIGHT HAND. The right hand symbolized authority. They put the curse in His AUTHORITY.

POINT ONE: Representation of Thorns

Notice they made a crown of thorns and placed it on his head – **Example** – Sharp thistles that penetrated the most sensitive part of his flesh. Many believe that his head was swelled up from the injuries to the scalp.

They struck him on the head with the REED, that caused further penetration and severe bleeding.

Though in the moment of their mockery, these soldiers had no idea that they were uncovering great truths to us today of those who believe. THIS WAS a PICTURE OF MAJESTY IN MISERY. The misery of Sin was upon his shoulders. THIS WAS THE EMBLEM OF OUR SIN.

THORNS -

Gen 3:17-19

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':

"**Cursed** is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

18 Both **thorns and thistles** it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

19 In the **sweat of your face** you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, to dust you shall return."

WHAT IT DID PHYSICALLY

Gen 3:17-19

God gave the earth to the children of men, designing it to be a comfortable dwelling to them. But sin has altered the property of it. It is now cursed for man's sin; that is, it is a dishonorable habitation, it bespeaks of man to mean, that his foundation is in the dust; it is a dry and barren habitation, its spontaneous productions are now weeds and briars, something nauseous or noxious; what good fruits it produces must be extorted from it by the ingenuity and industry of man. Fruitfulness was its blessing, for man's service (Gen 1:11,29), and now barrenness was its curse, for man's punishment.

Matthew Henry

Gen 3:17-19

Unto Adam he said. Physical hardship, painful toil, disappointing vexations, and hard struggle were appointed as the lot of the man, who was definitely adjudged a guilty sinner. Formerly the earth had yielded its produce **easily and freely to man, in great abundance**. Adam had only to "dress" the garden (Gen 2:15) in order to enjoy its luscious fruits. But now God pronounced a special curse on the ground. Henceforth it would yield its grains and fruits reluctantly. Man would have to work hard cultivating the soil to make it produce life's necessities. And he would have to wrestle with troublesome thorns and weeds not previously in evidence. Drudgery, difficulties, and weariness would be his daily lot. For Adam, as well as for Eve, sin exacted a heavy toll.

Wycliff

The Thorns were the fruit of Sin and disobedience to God. They serve no purpose in life but to remind us of the

WHAT IT DID SPIRITUALLY

Not only did it effect us in nature, but in effected us spiritually...

Alas, it has gone deeper: it has ruined our souls. Sin has unmanned man. The crown and glory of his manhood it has thrown to the ground. All our faculties are out of gear; all our tendencies are perverted.

Eden is withered-its very site is forgotten. Our restfulness among the trees of the field, freely yielding their fruit, is gone, and God hath said, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread"

Man wanted to be **lord of the earth**, and so he was in a certain sense; but his first act of lordship was to cause a blast and blight upon paradise, and to sow the earth with thorns and thistles, so that thenceforth he should never even eat bread without being reminded of his sin through the very sweat on his face.

Spurgeon

POVERTY and GREAT TOIL - The Curse of Thorn and thistles

Prov 15:19

The way of the **lazy man** is like a hedge of thorns, But the way of the upright is a highway.

Prov 22:5

Thorns and **snares are in the way** of the perverse; He who guards his soul will be far from them.

Matt 13:22

Now he who received seed **among the thorns** is he who hears the word, and the **cares of this world** and the deceitfulness of riches **choke the word**, and he becomes unfruitful.

Thorns bring us into poverty, thorns or the curse of this world endangers the word of God that is in us, through the constant worries of our deceitful riches. You can have a lot and worry a lot, when you are under the Curse. The curse of Poverty is the constant worry of money.

Many of us have been born in poverty, we were raised in poverty, we were saved in the midst of poverty, but we do not have to continue on poverty.

Poverty is not only having enough, but the worry of not having enough. The curse of Poverty affects both the rich and the poor. OL SCROOGE was in POVERTY.

THE BLOOD EMPOWERS US OVER THE CURSE

Jesus spilled His blood on the thorns, The life of Jesus overcomes the curse....His blood overcame the punishment due to man. MAN WITHOUT GOD HAS TO TOIL.

2 Cor 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His **poverty might become rich**.

Because of one's death in the family, brought abundance, but how much more shall the death of Christ bring life to our impoverished souls.

Gal 3:13

Christ has **redeemed us** from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

We can claim the BLOOD of Jesus over lives, but specifically over our labor. We will not have to labor like the world, we can claim success in our lives because the power of the BLOOD gives me right over the curse and toil of this world.

LIFE does not have to be hard... We have the right to claim the BLOOD. The sowing and reaping factor can come under the blood. We don't have to toil in the sowing, because of the blessing of Christ we can surely reap far more than what we sow.

Beloved, let us rejoice that the Lord Jesus Christ has come to redeem us from the curse of sin, and he will undo the evil of evil. Even this poor world he will deliver from the bondage of corruption; and he will create new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelled righteousness. The groans and painful travail of the whole creation shall result in a full deliverance, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and somewhat more. As for ourselves, we are lifted up to a position far higher than that which we should have occupied had the race continued in its innocence

Notes of the thorns...

Gen 3:18

Another species, THORNS, produces above 100 heads, each containing from 3 to 400 seeds. Suppose we say that these thistles produce at a medium only 80 heads, and that each contains only 300 seeds the first crop from these would amount to 24,000. Let these be sown, and their crop will amount to 576 millions. Sow these, and their produce will be 13,824,000,000,000, or thirteen billions, eight hundred and twenty-four thousand millions, and a single crop from these which is only the third year's growth, would amount to 331,776,000,000,000,000, or three hundred and thirty-one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six billions, and the fourth year's growth will amount to 7,962,624,000,000,000,000,000, or seven thousand nine hundred and sixty-two trillions, six hundred and twenty-four thousand billions. A progeny more than sufficient to stock not only the surface of the whole world, but of all the planets of the solar system, so that no other plant or vegetable could possibly grow, allowing but the space of one square foot for each plant.