

When He Was On The Cross, You Were On His Mind

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Isaiah 53:1-12

1 Who hath believed our report?
and to whom is the arm of
the LORD revealed?

² For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he hath borne our
griefs, and carried our sorrows:
yet we did esteem him stricken,
smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

⁹ And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to ¹¹
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.

¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

1. You Have Eternal Life
Because You Always
Had Eternal Life- You
Were In Him

65-0221E - Who Is This Melchisedec?
48 Notice. Those who have,
tonight, Eternal Life, was with
Him and in Him, in His thinking,
before there ever was an Angel,
star, Cherubim, or anything else.

That's Eternal.

And if you have Eternal Life, you always was. Not your being here, but the shape and form that the infinite God...

49 And if He isn't infinite, He isn't God. God has to be infinite. We are finite; He is infinite. And He was omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent.

If He isn't, then He can't be God.
Knows all things, all places,
because of His omnipresent.

Omniscient makes Him
omnipresent. He is a Being; He's
not like the wind. He is a Being;
He dwells in a house. But being
omniscient, knowing all things,
makes Him omnipresent,

because He knows everything that's going on. There can't be a flea bat its eyes but what He knowed it. And He knowed it before there was a world, how many time it'd bat its eyes,

and how much tallow it had in it, before there ever was a world. That is infinite. We can't comprehend it in our minds, but that's God. God, infinite!

50 And remember, you, your eyes, your stature, whatever you was, you were in His thinking at the beginning. And the only thing that you are is expression, word.

After He thought it, He spoke it, and here you are. If it isn't, if you wasn't in His thinking, there is no way at all for you ever be there, for He is the One that gives Eternal Life.

54-1219E - Acts Of The Holy Spirit

31 Aren't you glad you're in that Church, tonight? Not under the...Not this, this—this church roof. I mean, in the Church. There is only one Church. And—and you don't join it.

You—you can't take a paper, in It. You—you—you're just born in It, that's all. And you're born in that Church, and it's by grace that you're born into It. You couldn't hunger to come into It;

you have no desire of It, you hate the very thoughts of It, unless God Himself has ordained that you should be in that Church. And if you were...If you will ever be in that Church,

God knew it before the foundation of the world, that you would be in that Church. And He ordained it, and predestinated you to be in that Church. Isn't that marvelous?

32 “All that hear My Voice shall come to Me.” Is that right? “And all the Father has given Me will come to Me, and I’ll raise him up again at the last day.”

33 See, now, people say, “I don’t believe in such stuff!” Don’t despise them. Feel sorry for them, see. Pray for them.

Because, they—they haven't got nothing in here, and probably never will have nothing, to make them believe with.

They believe it from a—a theological standpoint. They say, “Well, yes, I believe that that’s just...” But, I mean, they can’t believe unless it’s really God in the heart. See? And you can’t...

34 Jesus said, “He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting Life.” Not because he joined church, not because he was baptized, not because he did this, because he shouted, because he did this other.

Them things are all right; joining church, baptizing, shouting. But He said, “He that has everlasting Life, because he hath believed.”

35 Now, in Acts 2:38, Peter said, “Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

36 And I've wondered, through the years, when I'd see that and read it. I thought, "Lord, here comes men and women.

I've seen them come to the altar, and kneel down and cry, and pray, go and be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and in a week later, be out with the world again.”

I thought, “O God, surely Your Word is not wrong. I just can’t understand it. But You, Lord, if I’ll continue with You, You said Your Word would abide in me.”

37 So I continued with Him, until now I see what it is. He has made it known, see. And I never knew it until the Lord just opened it up, one day, and there it was laying right before me.

Then I seen them people wasn't what they was at the beginning, see, that, "No man can come to Me, except My Father draws him." It's not he that wants to be; it's God that elects it to be.

It isn't whether you want It, or not; you have nothing to do with it. It's God. He, "He hardens whom He will harden. He has mercy on whom He will have mercy." That's right.

And no matter who you are,
what position you have,
whether you're the president or
whether you're a bum on the
street, doesn't make a bit of
difference. "God has mercy on
whom He will have mercy."

38 And before the world began,
He ordained that so many
people, down through the ages,
who they was, would be saved.
And every one that He ordained
will come to Him. That's right.

Every one will come, and none of them will be lost. He has ordained, said there would be a Church there; It would be without blemish; It would be without wrinkle.

2. The Price Of
Reconciliation Was Too
Great- Only God Could
Pay It

54-1024 - The Unpardonable

Sin

30 But, a man once put his
hand...Oh, my! A man put his
hand on the head of Jesus
Christ,

and confess his sin, feeling the pains and agony of Calvary, what sin, what He had to pay to redeem a man from sin! And the Holy Spirit, out of the Blood of Jesus Christ, comes cleansing that man.

He goes out, a new creature, and it's once for all. He goes out a different person. He goes out with all the sin problem settled forever.

“For by one Sacrifice,” says the Scripture here, “he has perfected forever them that are sanctified.” And He said, “The Holy Ghost bears record of the same.” See?

31 “That one Sacrifice, forever,
He made His offering, giving His
Own life, sit down at the right
hand of the Majesty on High.

And we have a High Priest
setting in the Majesty of God, in
the Presence of the great
Creator, making intercessions
upon our profession.”

32 Then said here, in the 19th
verse:

Having therefore, brethren,
boldness to enter into the
holiest by the blood of Jesus,

33 Think of it, no fear! That's the greatest plague there is in the Christian church today, is, "afraid." And the reason they're afraid is because they're not taught right, and settled right, on the Gospel.

34 No reason at all why this little place here couldn't be a beehive of the Power of God, buzzing with the Glory of God, flying from everywhere.

This little old hole in the wall here, almost, is known throughout the entire world, this little spot you're sitting in tonight;

because not of William
Branham, but because of Jesus
Christ, the Son of God, and a
Gospel that they've contended
for. No, sir, I had nothing to do
with it, not at all.

It was Him Who did it, and made the place known throughout the world, when it was nothing but a little fifteen-hundred-dollar structure, or something like that, fixed up here, with no floor in it.

But it's God Almighty who does those things. Now He hath.....we have boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way,...

35 Not the old way. “By a new and a living way.” That was the dead way, an order of law; but now we enter by grace, through the Holy Spirit.

Oh, I hope you see it. Nothing that you could do. The law works, “touch not, handle not, taste not, eat no meat, keep sabbaths, new moons,”

all forms of worship, what man did. But in this “new and living way,” it’s nothing that we could do. It’s what He does for us, by grace. We just accept it.

Christ takes away the sin. We believe It. Hear the Gospel, believe It, accept It. And then if we truly accept It, from the depths of our heart, God gives us the Holy Ghost, as a witness.

36 Then the Holy Spirit witnesses to you that your sins are gone, and you are dead to the world. You rise in newness of life, to walk a new life, to live a new life, to live in the Power and the Presence of God.

Not to be carried about with everything no more, but to walk after the Spirit, as sons and daughters of God.

Romans 8:1, said, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

65-0221E - Who Is This
Melchisedec?

44 God came down and become
flesh, and died the death, in
Christ; so that He could clean
the Church, in order to get into
It, for fellowship.

d loves fellowship. That's what He made the man at the first time for, was for fellowship; God dwelt alone, with Cherubims.

45 And notice now, He made man, and man fell. So He came down and redeemed man, because God loves to be worshipped. The very word god means “object of worship.”

And this that comes among us, as a Pillar of Fire, as something that changes our hearts, that is the same God that said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. He’s the same yesterday, today, and forever.

46 Now, in the beginning God dwelled alone, with His attributes, as I spoke of this morning. That's His thoughts. There was nothing, just God alone, but He had thoughts.

53-0403 - The Cruelty Of Sin, And
The Penalty That It Cost To Rid Sin
From Our Lives

38 I want to talk just a few moments. We always happy when it comes to having the joy of the Lord in our midst; and how I rejoice with you, greatly.

But did you ever stop to think what it cost to have it? Did you ever realize just the price that's behind it; what judgment was and what the penalty of sin?

How cruel must sin be, when it caused the Son of God to go to Calvary, and God would strike Him, and turn His face from Him, and smite Him, and—and He'd be afflicted. Look Who He was.

3. The Sin Question Is
Settled- You Paid For
Your Sin In Him

65-0801M - The God Of This
Evil Age

67 In God's own thinking; God,
the great Spirit.

In the beginning, before there was a beginning, He was God, and did you know you were in Him then? If you are a Christian now, you was in Him then.

And then, if that be so, the whole Godhead bodily shaped up in the Person of Jesus Christ. And then when Jesus died at the cross, I died with Him, for I was in Him then;

for He was the fullness of the Word, manifested, knowing that we would be manifested later. And we was at Calvary with Him. We went in the grave with Him.

And we raised with Him and His resurrection. And now we've ascended, by His Spirit, to the Throne of grace, sitting together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Always!

65-1031M - Power Of Transformation

296 ...If you believe the message of the Bible, and the present Message of the day, a vindication of It;

the reason you are sitting here,
because you were predestinated
to set here. You wouldn't have
been here, otherwise; you would
have been on the street, maybe
drunk, some of you;

and some of you out here and
running around with some other
man's wife; and you women out,
married,

and running around with some other women's husband, or something like that. See, but you were predestinated to be here. See, you can't help it. You have a Father, He is God, and you were a seed.

297 And when He come to a place, He's got you now to where...You was in Him then, as a thought, now you are a person that can fellowship with Him. See? Like you was in—you was in your fathers,

at the beginning, but now you are sons and daughters, so you can fellowship with your parent. Now we're sons and daughters of God, who can fellowship with our Father God.

See, it's just as beautiful! Don't you like that? Then you become like Him. And if we were sons, then you're attributes, and was in His form at the beginning.

298 And, remember, if you was
in Him at the beginning; and
when Jesus, which is God, the
Word made flesh and dwelt
among us;

then you were in Him and stood
the insults that He took. You
went to Calvary with Him, in
Him.

You died, in Him. You arose, in Him. And now you are seated together in Heavenly places, in Him. See?

4. Now We Love Him-
And Serve Him-
Because He First
Loved Us

61-0226 - Jehovah-Jireh

63 ...The Bible is a love Letter.
And you know the sweetest
woman in all the world to me is
Mrs. Branham. She's my
sweetheart.

I love her, just really love her.
Now, there's no legalism among
us. We absolutely believe
in...We—we believe in the grace.
We believe in love.

64 Now, when I get ready to go overseas, I don't reach over and get her and say, "My, dear Mrs. Branham, thou shalt not have any more husbands. Thou shalt not make eyes at any other man."

She don't grab me by the collar
and say, "And, my beloved
Brother Branham, thou shalt not
have no other wives." Wouldn't
that be home? That's the way
you try to make church.
Um-hum.

No. We do not do it. I love her.
As long as I love her, I'll stay true
to her. Long as she loves me, it'll
be the same way. We have no
bother about that. No. Then we
kneel down.

We pray. She asks God to help me. She stays home to take care of the babies. I go out to work for the Lord. I haven't been home but just a very little bit in fifteen years.

She's turned snow white, just staying...a young woman, staying home, meeting the public, trying to do her part. A real lovely woman is my wife.

65 But now, say for instance what if I was overseas and I got real lonesome, and some young woman said, “Brother Branham, you want to take me out riding tonight after church?”

I'd say, "I'm awful lonesome. I believe I will." Well, then when I went home, I'd have to tell her. Now, I believe she'd forgive me for that.

I do. I believe she'd forgive me for it. But, brother, I'd die in my tracks before I done it. Why? I love her too much. I—I love her. Oh, it'd kill me. I couldn't face her in it.

And if I love my wife that much,
what about my Lord? Paul said,
“All things are lawful, not all
expedient.” See?

66 She writes me a letter. “Dear¹⁰¹
Billy, I’m setting here tonight. I
just got the children to bed. I’ve
washed today. I’ve done
so-and-so. The phone’s rung
over three hundred times.
People are asking where you’re
at.

I'm thinking much of you.”
That's what she's writing. But
you know, I can read right
between the lines and know
what she means, 'cause I love
her. That's the way you know
this love Book of God's.

Reason it's so complicated to people, you're not in love with Christ. You say it—it contradicts itself and all this. You're just not in love with the Author; that's all. It's a love Letter.

62-0123 - Forsaking All

194 And if the Spirit of Jesus Christ is in me, I'll do the works of Christ, because it's the Life of Christ in you. See? Manifested in Who? Manifested Who?

He be...Forsaken His Sonship,
and became sin, and took our
sins, that He might take sinners
and make them sons. He
became me, that I might
become Him.

He become a sinner, that I might become a son of God. He...Oh, it—it is striking, what He done. See? He taken your place, that you might take His place.

“You’re joint heirs with Him; in the Kingdom.” He become a sinner, like you; your sins placed upon Him, that He might take you and make you a fellow citizen of Heaven,

and set you with Him in God's Kingdom. There you are: put His Spirit in you. And if His Spirit is in you, the works that He did you'll do also.

195 Now, look what He did
when He was here on earth.
How did He make Hissself
manifested?

196 You can't go around,
hanging around, and going to
pool rooms, and hanging away
from church, and staying home
on Wednesday night, to see
some kind of a filthy television
play,

or something like that, and forsake your church, and all like that, and ever expect to see Christ. You have to forsake those things, to follow the Holy Spirit.

197 Let Him manifest Himself as Messiah, like those first followers did. They followed Him, to see if He was the Messiah.

What do you think did when Andrew stayed all night with Him that night, him and Philip? The next morning, Philip went one way, and Andrew another.

198 Andrew took out after his brother. And as soon as he found Simon, he said, “Come, see.

We have found that Messiah.”
He knowed He was Messiah.
Why? He knowed what Messiah
would be. He knowed,
Scripturally, what the Messiah
would be.

63-0623M - Standing In The Gap

42 And today He is the only mediator between God and man, and we're freely pardoned and forgiven. God don't even know we ever sinned.

Our sins were put in the Sea of Forgetfulness, never to be remembered no more. We cannot do that ourself; we are finite. He is infinite. And our finite, we can still remember, because we're not big enough.

But He is so great that He even forgets we ever did sin. We are sons and daughters, in His Presence. And all things that He was, we are. He become my sin, that I might become His righteousness.

He become your sin, that
your...He...you might become
His righteousness. So God
cannot see no sin in you as long
as your confession is in Christ
Jesus.

43 Someone said, some time ago, said, “If I believed a thing like that, would I ever turn on the steam! I’d paint the town red. I’d go to every dance hall.

I'd get so drunk, and everything, because,..." "Why?" "You're already secured in Christ. What difference does it make?"

44 I said, “That shows you haven’t got it.” If the love of God ever struck your heart, in the tenderness of Jesus Christ, you would be so in love with Him, the world would be dead, as your sin. That’s how you know you have the Holy Spirit.

Not because that you could scream, shout, speak, or tongues, or whatever it is. But when sin becomes dead, and you're alive in Jesus Christ. Oh, love of God, how rich, how pure! See?

60-0925 - That Day On Calvary

139 Sin, remitted! “Greater works than this shall you do.” You see who the “ye’s” are, don’t you? “Greater works than this,” remitting sins, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

140 But through creeds and denominations, and so forth, it's bound you down to a place, you're still serving the world. Tell me any man, tell me any woman,

can come to Calvary and try to be a big somebody because somebody said something. Tell me where you can look in the face of Calvary, in its right light, that day in Calvary.

How can you have your day on Calvary, and come out a stuffed shirt? How can you come out a puppet for some organization, and preach some man-made doctrines?

Why don't it humble you to the Word of God? If you'd ever go there, you'll come out humble. How can you want to be some big something in your organization, with a feather in your hat,

when Jesus Christ the Son of God humbled Himself to a hacked-up body, to a spitted face, until shame and disgrace? And they stripped His clothes off, and crucified Him, before the world.

“Despising the shame.” How can you go to Calvary and come away anything different than what He was, a disgrace, a shame? “Oh,” you say, “they’ll kick me out.” Let them kick.

141 Have your day at Calvary,
God will have His way with you.
Let me quote that again. Have
your day at Calvary, God will
have His way with you.

61-0618 - Revelation, Chapter¹³²

Five #2

The 6th verse...Or part of the
5th, the elder in the 5th verse
was right when he said, “Behold,
a Lamb!” But, when he looked
around, he saw a Lion. It was a
Lion instead of a Lamb.

But then what was it? His
mediatorial work was done,
mediatorial. He was...quit being
the Mediator at the end of the
Church age, to become the Lion
of the tribe of Juda, His
mediatorial work was done.

And He was to become a Lion
which was the Judge, now, and
He took...when He took the
Book out of the hand.

130 Now, remember, when a
man went to redeem (Don't
forget it, now.), when a man
went to redeem, he took men
with him and went to the city
gates, being the elders, and
there he—he—he announced his
purpose of being there.

That's what he did, he went to
the gate, said, "I am here for to
claim myself as a kinsman
redeemer and to this
inheritance, and I'm here
making myself known before
these elders of the city." See?

131 And when the...John wept.¹³⁷

Now, someone, as I said last

week, they said, “John wept

because that he could find

nobody worthy.” It wasn’t that.

A man under the influence of

the Holy Ghost wouldn’t weep

for that

Thought that, “ ’Cause he
wasn't worthy,” maybe John
himself wasn't worthy. There's
nobody worthy. But he didn't
weep because of that.

132 I believe he was weeping for¹³⁹
joy because that he had seen
the whole plan of redemption
was wrote in this Book here. It
wasn't because there wasn't
nobody worthy, because, there
stood a Lamb right there was
worthy. So he was weeping,

there he said, “Oh, glory to God!”¹⁴⁰

Listen at him directly when he
goes to shouting. Now, but we
find him here weeping because
that he was so happy because
that the Lamb had taken the
Book for the...out of the hand of
Him that sat upon the Throne.

133 And as soon as he
made...When this Angel, this
mighty Angel, cried out “Who is
worthy?” he was advertising
right then, he was advertising
for a Kinsman Redeemer. And
immediately after, he said,

“Who is worthy to take the
Book?” Then something...Then
John started weep. Then what
happened? He seen, there stood
the Book. There It was, but who
was worthy?

134 Well, there stood Gabriel,¹⁴³
course, he was worthy; but, see,
he wasn't a man, and he was an
Angel. And there stood Michael,
he was worthy; but he wasn't a
man, he was an Angel. So it had
to be somebody that became a
earthly person like we did.

And then when he seen this
Lamb that had been slain from
the foundation of the world,
come up, and he seen that He
had been slain all the way to the
foundation of the world, then
John wept.

Amen! 'Cause there it was, he
saw the whole thing. See?

135 And soon as he advertised

“Who is worthy?” he was

advertising the coming of the

Kinsman Redeemer. And here He

stood, a Lamb.

And what did He do? Walked
over to the Throne where the
Spirit of God was at, and took
the Book out of the right hand
of Him that sets upon the
Throne. And all the elders fell
down and said

“Thou art worthy because Thou wast slain.” See? And then He became then...His Book, or at least the Book of redemption, or—or the Book of intercession in the Church age was finished, now He becomes the Redeemer.