

26. Crucifixion and Praise

In this study we want to continue looking at this wonderful key of praising God, through which we prepare a throne for God in our hearts, and through which we can escape from any situation that we ever find ourselves in the world.

In our last study, we studied about this wonderful key that God has given us. It is like a master key that can open every door. Isn't it wonderful to have a key in your hands through which you can unlock yourself and get out of any tight corner or any situation that you find yourself in? It can be some difficult situation, some problem, or some difficult people perhaps, and here you have a master key. What is that? - To enthrone God on our praises.

But it is not a technique. If you try it as technique, I guarantee you right now, it will fail. Technique is something that we adopt selfishly. We want something, and we think that, if we repeat certain words like some kind of 'mantra' or magic, it will work. It doesn't work like that. I am not talking about words. You know God has no interest in words if they don't come from our hearts. I am not talking about praise alone. I am talking about praise that comes from a heart that has faith in God - in His sovereign power, in His perfect love and in His infinite wisdom.

Faith indicates that you believe that God is full of love, full of wisdom, full of power and when you believe that you will sing His praise. We saw in the last study, "Praise is the throne on which God sits" (Ps. 22:3). Now Psalm 22 is a Psalm about the Cross of Calvary. It begins with these words "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." Jesus spoke those words when He was hanging on the

26. 受难与赞美

现在我们要再次审视，“赞美神”这把奇妙的钥匙，让我们可以在心里为神预备宝座，也使我们可以从世上任何的境况里逃离。

上次的教导，我们看到神给我们的这把奇妙的钥匙。它像是可以打开一切门的万能钥匙。手里拥有这样的钥匙，可以将自己从任何困境里解救出来，是不是好极了？无论是困境、难题，还是难以相处的人，你都有一把万能钥匙。就是让神坐在你赞美的宝座上为王。

然而这不是一项技巧。你若把它视为技巧，那么现在我可以告诉你，一定会失败。因为技巧是人以自我为中心所采纳的事物。当我们想要什么的时候，觉得如果重复某些词，念些魔咒，就能管用。然而真理的运行方式却非如此。我说的赞美不是指那些话。如果那些话不是来自你心底，神是毫无兴趣的。我们说的不是单单的赞美，而是来自你心底对神的信心，对祂至高神权和大能的信心，对祂完美的爱和无限智慧的信心。

信心代表着你相信神是充满爱、智慧与能力的，当你相信这个的时候，自然就会唱歌赞美祂。上次的教导我们看到了，“赞美是神坐的宝座”（诗篇 22 章 3 节）。诗篇的第 22 篇讲的是关于各各他（骷髅地）的十字架，一开头就说，“我的神，我的神，为什么离弃我。”主耶稣被钉在十字架上的时候就在说这话。而后第 3 节里祂说到赞美是神的宝座。后面第 16 节提到祂的手和脚被刺。这首诗歌非常明显是关

cross and then He speaks about God being enthroned on the praises of His people in the 3rd verse. Then it refers to His hands and feet being pierced in verse 16. It is very obviously a message of a cross - a Psalm of the cross.

And, as you continue in the Psalm, from this crucified position, Jesus invites His younger brothers, that is you and me, to join Him to prepare a throne of praise for the Father (verse 22); "I will tell of Your name to my brethren, in the midst of the assembly I will praise Thee." That is the verse which is quoted in Hebrews 2 as referring to Jesus praising the Father. So it is very interesting to see that this verse of praise comes in the midst of a Psalm which is speaking about Jesus being crucified, His hands and feet being pierced.

The crucifixion of Jesus was the worst evil that was ever committed on this earth. There was never a greater sin committed by any human being than that.

Then consider this: What was the best thing that ever took place on this earth, in all the 6000 years of human history? The answer is again the same: The crucifixion of Jesus Christ. There was never any better thing that ever took place on this earth. Because of Christ's crucifixion, our sins can all be forgiven and we can spend eternity with God.

So the crucifixion of Christ was the worst sin that man ever committed and also the best thing that ever happened on earth. What does that show? Just this that the worst thing that man could do was turned by God into the very best thing of all.

Now, once you understand that, you will realize that whatever other people may do to you are certainly not as bad as the crucifixion of Jesus. And if God

于十字架的诗歌。

从此处受难的描写，继续读下去，你看到主耶稣邀请祂的弟兄姊妹们，也就是你我，来一起用赞美为天父预备宝座（22节）。“我要将你的名传与我的弟兄，在会中我要赞美你。”希伯来书第2章就引用了这节经文，说主耶稣赞美天父。因此非常值得注意的就是，这份赞美是出现在主耶稣受难的时候，是在祂手与脚被钉的时候。

主耶稣受难，是这个地上曾发生过最邪恶的事情。因为人类所犯的其它任何罪，都大不过这个罪。

接下来请思考一下，人类这六千年的历史中，发生过的最好的事是什么？答案是同一个：就是主耶稣的受难。这地上发生过的任何其它事，都好不过这事。因为正是主耶稣的受难，我们所有的罪才得饶恕，我们才得以在永恒里与神同在。

因此主耶稣的受难，既是人类犯下最邪恶的罪，又同时是地上发生过最好的事。这表明了什么？人类所能做出最邪恶的事，神可以将其变成最好的事。

那么现在你明白了吗？无论别人对你做了什么，总不至于有钉死主耶稣那么邪恶。如果上帝能够把最邪恶的事情转化成好事，那么有什么人对你做的事，无法

could turn that evil thing into something good, tell me what is there that other people can do to you, which God cannot turn for good. Everything is less than that. Nothing can happen to you worse than the crucifixion of Jesus and that worst thing God turned into the very best. That teaches us something about God's Almighty power. That is why we praise Him. That is why, right in the middle of this Psalm which is the Psalm of the cross, we find, "I will praise you."

Do you feel like praising God when you are crucified? What do you think the thieves were doing when they were hanging on the cross? They were not praising God. They were cursing and swearing and probably biting the hands of the soldiers who were crucifying them and spitting at them. They were not at all happy. Can you imagine how Jesus was crucified? He must have opened His palms and co-operated with them as they drove the nails in, put His legs, one on top of the other, so that they could drive the nails in more easily. He was happy. Why was He happy? Didn't He suffer? Oh, He suffered for sure. He felt the pain of crucifixion just as much as you and I would feel it. Then why was he happy? He was happy that He was doing the will of His Father. You know, when we do the will of our Father, it doesn't matter if we suffer. We can still be happy. We may feel pain. Jesus felt pain, but He was happy, and that is why He could praise the Father hanging on the Cross. And this is the way. This is the secret.

The Bible says that it is not only Jesus Christ who was crucified on Calvary. Do you know somebody else who was crucified on the same cross as Jesus? I don't mean on either side of Him like the thieves. Tell me somebody else who was crucified on the same cross as Jesus was crucified. It is not so well known among Christians, by the way. Every Christian knows that Jesus died on the cross on

被神转化成好事呢？再没有任何事比杀害主耶稣更邪恶的了。任何会在你身上发生的事，也无法比杀害主耶稣更邪恶了，然而就是这最邪恶的事情，反而被神转化成了最好的事。这让我们看到了神的全能。我们赞美祂也正是因为如此。这也是为什么在这十字架受难之时的诗歌里，我们听到这句“我要赞美你”。

假如是你受难，你会想去赞美神吗？你猜那些被钉在十字架上的罪犯们是怎么样的？他们都不会去赞美神。而是诅咒和谩骂，甚至可能会咬那些士兵的手，向人脸上吐口水。他们心里丁点快乐都没有。你能想象出主耶稣受难的场景吗？祂一定是伸出手掌，配合那些士兵，把钉子钉进手心，将自己双脚重叠，让士兵可以顺利的钉住祂。祂那时的内心仍然是喜乐的。何以见得祂是喜乐的？难道祂不觉得痛吗？痛是肯定的，并且和你我会感到的痛没有差别。可祂如何还能喜乐？祂喜乐是因为自己活在父的心意里。你知道吗，当一个人活在父的心意里时，受苦就没那么要紧。即使在痛苦之时，我们仍能喜乐。主耶稣那时承受着很多的痛，但祂仍是喜乐的，因此即使是在十字架上钉着，祂仍能赞美天父。这就是那喜乐的方法，喜乐的 secret。

《圣经》说，在各各他（骷髅地）受难的不止是主耶稣基督。你知道还有谁，同主耶稣一起受死了吗？我说的不是祂身边那两个被钉的贼。告诉我另外还有谁与主耶稣一起在那十字架上受死了？（这件事很多基督徒都不是那么清楚。）每个基督徒都知道主耶稣在十字架上受死了，但你如果问他们还有谁也在那个十字架上受死了，他们可能不知道。《圣经》里至少有两处，给了我们这个答案。

Calvary, but if you were to ask them, who else died with Him on that same cross? They don't know the answer. The answer is given to us, in two places at least, in Scripture.

In Romans 6:6, we read, "Our old man was also crucified with Christ on the cross" and Paul says, in Galatians 2:20, applying it personally to himself, "I am crucified with Christ, I have been crucified with Christ." So it is not only Jesus who died on the cross. In some wonderful way, God, who knew that one day you and I would also give our lives to Christ (because He knew the future), took us and put us into Christ and we were crucified with Him. We have died with Christ.

It is not only that our sins were placed on Christ on the cross, but we ourselves have been placed on that Cross. Now, crucified with Christ, we praise God. See, that is a different type of praise than the hollow empty words of praise that sometimes people make by noises and shouting which is meaningless. Why do I say it is meaningless? Praise is a spirit. You can't just switch it on, on Sunday morning for 2 hours, and switch it off, when you go home. If you say 'Hallelujah,' 'Praise the Lord', on Sunday morning in the meeting, and then go home and shout at your wife on Sunday afternoon, do you have the spirit of praise? - Certainly not. That is something you switch on and switch off. It is not a spirit of praise. It is a form. It is a tradition, and that is all a lot of people have. That is hollow.

There is a verse in the Old Testament where God says, "These people draw near to me with their lips but their hearts are far away from me." Their hearts seek their own. So it is easy to draw near to God with our lips, and God doesn't care for that. He doesn't listen to a lot of praise that is spoken out on Sunday mornings from different parts of the world.

使徒保罗在罗马书 6 章 6 节说，“我们的旧人和祂同钉十字架”，又在加拉太 2 章 20 节针对自己说，“我已经与基督同钉十字架”。所以，不止是主耶稣死在了十字架上。神知晓有一天我们也会将自己的生命交托给基督，因此通过我们尚无法完全明白的方式，使我们在那天与主耶稣一起被钉死在十字架上了。我们与基督同死了。

与基督一起放在十字架上的，不止是我们的罪，还有我们自己。因着能与主耶稣同死，我们要赞美神。你看，这样的赞美，与空洞的言语赞美是不同的，人们那种大声喊叫，噪音般的“赞美”是毫无意义的。我为什么这么说？因为赞美是一种精神。我们不能周日上午把它打开两小时，回到家就闭了。如果你周日早上喊着“哈利路亚”、“赞美主”，下午回到家就对妻子吼，你觉得自己有赞美的灵吗？肯定是没有的。那种假赞美，是你自己能开能关的。那不是赞美的灵，而只是个形式罢了，是你的例行公事，很多人就是这样的，空洞。

《圣经》旧约的一节经文中神说：“这百姓用嘴唇尊敬我，心却远离我。”他们的心只为自己寻好处。嘴上亲近神很容易，可神在意的并不是这个。周日早上这世上不同地方的很多赞美的喊声，都是不会被神垂听的。你知道神垂听什么吗？祂垂听那些来自心灵的赞美，而不是空洞的词藻。词藻可能是空洞的，只是仪式。很多人在说他们爱主耶稣时的精神状态，就像

You know what He listens to? He listens to the people who have a spirit of praise, and not just words. Words can be empty. Words can be a ritual. There are a lot of people who say that they love Jesus in the same spirit that Judas Iscariot kissed Jesus in Gethsemane. Judas Iscariot kissing Jesus wasn't a sign of love and affection and friendship; he was betraying him. And in the same way, many people stand up Sunday morning and praise the Lord, and say Hallelujah, but it is not in their hearts. If you want praise to come into your heart, you have to be crucified with Christ. You are to say, 'Lord I die to myself.'

I want to show you another Psalm which is also a Psalm of the cross and that just confirms what I have been trying to say to you. You know, God's word is powerful and that is why we need to turn to His words again and again. Man's words are not as powerful as God's words. In Psalm 118:11-14 you read, "They surrounded me like bees and in the name of the Lord I will cut them off." It is a Psalm of the cross and then it says in Verse 22, "The stone which the builders rejected became the Chief Cornerstone." That is a word that Jesus quoted in the Gospels. You read that in Matthew 21:42 and Mark 12:10, 11. It is the word that Jesus quoted concerning Himself. When did the builders reject the stone? That was on Calvary; they said, "We don't want Him to reign over us. We will not have this man to reign over us. Crucify him." And they rejected Him.

But there, hanging on the cross, crucified, the Lord says, in Verse 28, "I give thanks to Thee; I will extol Thee, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." Then in verse 24, "This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Was the day, on which Jesus was crucified, a day which the Lord had made? It is easy to say - this is the day which

那在客西马尼亲吻主耶稣的犹大一样。加略人犹大亲吻主耶稣，不是源于爱、感动或是友谊，周日早上有很多人高喊哈利路亚赞美主，也不是发自内心。你若想要在内心赞美神，就必须与基督同钉十字架。你说，“主啊，请让我的自我死去。”

我想要指给你诗篇里另外一处十字架的诗篇，来证明我刚刚对你们说的。你知道吗，上帝的话语充满着力量，因此我们需要不断的回到神的话语上。人的话语不具有神话语那般的力量。诗篇 118 篇 11 到 14 节写到：“他们像蜂子一样围困我，我靠耶和華的名，必剿灭他们。”而后在 22 节是十字架的诗歌，“匠人所弃的石头，已成了房角的头块石头。”这是福音书里主耶稣所引用了的。马太福音 21 章 42 节，和马可福音 12 章 10、11 节，主耶稣用这句经文来讲自己。那么匠人是何时丢弃了这块石头？那就是在各各他，众人说，“我们不要他来统治，不要这个人来统治，把他钉十字架。”然后他们丢弃了祂。

而在 28 节里，钉在十字架上受难的主耶稣说，“我要称谢你，我要尊崇你，因你本为善。”24 节说，“这是耶和華所定的日子，我们在其中要高兴欢喜。”你说主耶稣受难的日子，是不是神定的？当我们升职加薪、结婚、换好房子什么的，很容易说这是神定的。可若是有人逼迫你的时候能说出“这是神定的”则需要信心。那么你觉得哪些日子是神定的呢？其实哪一年

the Lord has made when you get an increment or a promotion in your job or a better salary or a better job or when you get married or get a better house or some earthly benefit. But to say that 'this is the day which the Lord has made,' when somebody crucifies you, requires faith. What is the day which the Lord has not made? Is there any day in any year which the Lord has not made? Every day is the day which the Lord has made. The devil doesn't make any days, I will tell you that. If this is the day which the Lord has made, we are going to rejoice and be glad in it. Whether we get a large gift or whether we get crucified, it doesn't make a difference, because we believe in the sovereignty of God.

And so, we find in both these Psalms (Psalm 22 and Psalm 118), this great truth, that it is only as I am willing to die to my self-life, which is always seeking its own, that I can enter into a spirit of praise. Then my praise to God on Sunday mornings will be meaningful. It will come from my heart and I will not have to live a double life, where I am a Holy person on Sunday morning and behave like a devil on Sunday Evening. No, I can be genuine through and through. So, it is not just faith that is connected with praising God, but being crucified with Christ is also connected with praising God. We are trying to lay a good ground so that our life of praise will be on a solid foundation.

里的哪一天不是神定的呢？每一天都是神定好的。我要告诉你，魔鬼没法定任何日子。那么如果今天是神定的日子，我们就该高兴欢喜。无论是得到个大大的礼物还是被逼迫，不该有任何区别，因为我们相信神在掌权。

因此，这两首诗篇（22 篇和 118 篇）所告诉我们的真理，就是如果我们让那个总在寻求自我的“我”死去，我们就能够进入赞美的灵。那样我周日早上的赞美就会变得美妙。那来自我的心，我不再需要像两面派一样的活着，周日上午像个圣人，周日晚上像个魔鬼。我可以一直一直真实诚恳的活着。因此，不止是信心联系着赞美神，更是与基督一同死去连着我们去赞美神。我们要打好基础，这样我们的赞美就有牢固的根基。