

JOHN 12:27-32
August 28, 1988
ROME GEORGIA
January 25, 2015

- I. THE PLAN
- II. THE PURPOSE

I. THE PLAN

John 12:27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but FOR THIS CAUSE CAME I UNTO THIS HOUR.

WHAT HOUR? THE HOUR OF HIS GLORIFICATION - CF. 23. HIS RECOGNITION BY ALL AS TO WHO HE WAS.

Joh 12:22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

Joh 12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, **The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.**

BUT THE HOUR OF HIS GLORIFICATION WAS ALSO THE HOUR OF HIS CRUCIFIXION;

THIS HOUR OF HONOR - WAS AN HOUR FILLED WITH THE HORROR OF THE CROSS.

THIS EXALTATION TIME BY MEN IS OFFSET BY THE EXCRUCIATING TORTURE OF THE NAILS.

NOT AN ACCIDENT OR AN INTERRUPTION OF GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN - BUT RATHER THE TIMELY FULFILLMENT OF IT.

JESUS AS A CHILD:

Luk 2:46 Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, **both listening to them and asking them questions.**

Luk 2:47 And all who heard Him were **astonished at His understanding and answers.**

Luke 2:49 And he said unto them, **How is it that ye sought me? Knew Ye not that I must be about my Father's business?**

There is a famous picture by **William Hunt** entitled "**THE SHADOW OF DEATH.**"

The artist has portrayed Jesus as a youth in **Joseph's carpenter shop**. The sun sinking in the western sky sends its slanting rays through the open door. Jesus has gotten up from His work and is stretching out His tired arms. As He does, **the setting sun casts a shadow on the wall behind Him, creating the appearance of a man on a cross.** db 3-23-78.

Everything that Jesus did, from His birth, to the dialogue in the temple, to the daily chores of a carpenter's apprentice, was done with a view to the events unfolding in His final few days before His glorification – i.e. crucifixion and resurrection.

JESUS AS A MAN:

John 2 – first "miracle". Water turned to wine.

Joh 2:16 And He said to those who sold doves, "**Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!**"

Joh 2:17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE HAS EATEN ME UP."

Joh 2:18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

Joh 2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**"

Joh 2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

Every step of the life of Jesus led Him closer to this final hour of His glorification - the cross. BUT NOW - THE HOUR WAS UPON HIM - AND HE CRIES OUT "NOW IS MY SOUL TROUBLED"

Joh 12:27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

SOME HAVE MISTAKENLY THOUGHT THAT IT WAS FEAR OF THE PHYSICAL ABUSE THAT JESUS FACED THAT PROMPTED THESE WORDS.

BUT IT WAS NOT THE AGONY OF THE CROSS THAT JESUS WAS TROUBLED ABOUT. IT WAS RATHER THE VERY PROSPECT OF BEING "MADE SIN"

II Corinthians 5:21 For he hath MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN; THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.

HIS DEATH AND SUFFERING WERE NECESSARY IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT BE SAVED - THIS SUFFERING HE GLADLY ENDURED.

BUT IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD TO BE LAID ON HIS RIGHTEOUS HEAD - AND THIS IS THE SOURCE OF HIS "TROUBLED SPIRIT"

Hebrews 9:14-15 and for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

II. THE PURPOSE

FIRST OF ALL IT WAS:
FOR THE GLORIFICATION OF THE FATHER

John 12:28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again."

God had begun a work in the incarnation. Christ had come for a purpose. God desired to manifest His holiness and indisputable justice to the entire universe. The method that He chose was **to come Himself as a man and to undo what Adam had done.**

In other words, He Himself would pay the debt that mankind had incurred through sin. In this verse in **John 12** Christ is praying quite simply and honestly for God to complete the program that has been begun and thereby to bring Glory to His name.

******* Eph. 3:9-12 *******

Eph 3:9 and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;
3:10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*,
3:11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,
3:12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

God replies to the Son's petition v. 28.

"I HAVE" and "I WILL"

REGARDLESS OF HOW THINGS MIGHT APPEAR IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS - GOD'S NAME WOULD BE GLORIFIED!

**THIS WAS ALL THE ASSURANCE THAT JESUS NEEDED TO SUSTAIN HIM IN THE HOURS TO COME!
BUT THE VOICE WAS UNNECESSARY SO FAR AS FORTIFYING THE FAITH OF THE SON.**

Read 12:29-30

Not all of the people were aware that God had spoken - but for those for whom it was intended, this utterance would be of immeasurable value in the bleak days to they were entering into.

(ultimately - it would help the disciples to understand the events of the crucifixion and resurrection to follow.)

SECONDLY, THE PURPOSE OF THIS CRUCIFIXION WAS FOR THE JUDGEMENT OF THIS WORLD AND FOR THE OVERTHROW OF SATAN'S RULE **31**.

Joh 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

The world is judged in that the perfect standard of righteousness had come and established a way of salvation for all of mankind - **to reject this salvation is to fall under the judgment of GOD -**

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: NOW SHALL THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD BE CAST OUT.

But of greater importance to the believer, **Christ also says that in his death - the prince of this world will be cast out.** The one who has held man in his tyrannical grip is soon to be defeated by Christ's stunning victory on the cross.

Colossians 2:14

2:13 And you, being **dead in your sins** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, **HAVING FORGIVEN YOU ALL TRESPASSES;**

2:14 **BLOTTING OUT THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES THAT WAS AGAINST US, WHICH WAS CONTRARY TO US, AND TOOK IT OUT OF THE WAY, NAILING IT TO HIS CROSS;**

2:15 *And* **HAVING SPOILED PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS, HE MADE A SHEW OF THEM OPENLY, TRIUMPHING OVER THEM IN IT.**

Many years ago, we made some volleyball post holders out of cement filled automobile tires with a pipe in the middle. Moving the holders was a matter of turning them on their side and rolling them around. When **Clinton** was still a child, he accidentally squished a lizard under the volley ball post holder. The reptile was clearly wasted, but when Clint picked up the dead lizard its tail, it still moved side to side. It appeared to still be alive - but yet, **the truth was that it was quite dead and impotent.**

THE SAME OBSERVATION MAY BE MADE OF THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR - THOUGH THE DRAGON HAS BEEN SLAIN - HIS TAIL STILL SWISHES!

We see his handiwork and are easily intimidated by his seeming powers. But the truth is - he has been dethroned - cast down - and now his actions are like that of the lizards tail - flailing ominously but unable to operate as he had in days gone by.

1Jn 4:3 And every spirit that **confesseth not** that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh **is not of God:** and this is that **spirit of antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; **and even now already is it in the world.**

I John 4:4 ye are of God, little children, **and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

Even in his death throes, our adversaries' power is great. He works out of desperation. He is cast down - but not yet destroyed! The day will come however when he will once and for all be banished to the lake of fire.

REV. 20:10. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

(CF. [Charles Colson's "KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT" p. 191-193](#) for elaboration.

Communism VS Christianity -pdf

SATAN'S POWER WAS BROKEN AND IT WAS SUPPLANTED BY A POWER NEVER BEFORE FULLY UNLEASHED IN THE UNIVERSE - **V.32** THE POWER OF THE TRUE RULER OF THE UNIVERSE - A POWER CAPABLE OF DRAWING ALL MEN TO HIMSELF!

THIRDLY, THE PLAN OF GOD IS CARRIED OUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF **THE SALVATION OF MANKIND 32**

John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, **WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME.**

THE POWER OF SATAN AND THE WORLD ARE NO MATCH FOR THE "DRAWING" POWER OF CHRIST.

THOT: "ONLY THE **MAGNETIC POWER OF THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN REDEEMER CAN ATTRACT AND DRAW TO HIMSELF HEARTS OF STEEL.**"

THERE IS AN ATTRACTION IN THE CRUCIFIED ONE, WHICH WHEN VIEWED IN ITS PROPER PERSPECTIVE IS ABLE TO DRAW THE MOST WICKED OF MANKIND TO HIMSELF. HE MAKES AN OFFER TO ALL OF MANKIND THAT WE DARE NOT REFUSE –

"COME UNTO ME ALL YE WHO ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST" MATT. 11:28

"DRAW" HAS TO DO WITH COMPULSION.

HOW THEN ARE THERE MANY WHO WILL NOT BE DRAWN TO HIM? THEY WILL BE! BUT FOR MANY, IT WILL BE AT THE **JUDGEMENT DAY!** THEN EVERY KNEE WILL BOW TO HIM! DB 3-22-85.

Romans 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, **every knee shall bow to me**, and every tongue shall confess to God.

Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.

"FATHER GLORIFY THY NAME . . . "I HAVE BOTH GLORIFIED IT AND WILL GLORIFY IT AGAIN." 28.

HOW? THROUGH THE EFFICACIOUS WORK OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WHEREBY HE IS THE MEDIATOR AND THE DOOR BETWEEN MAN AND GOD!

I Tim. 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that **CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS;** of whom I am chief.

Romans 14:9 FOR TO THIS END CHRIST BOTH DIED, AND ROSE, AND REVIVED, THAT HE MIGHT BE LORD BOTH OF THE DEAD AND LIVING.

IS HE LORD OF YOUR LIFE? DO YOU SERVE THE CREATURE OR THE CREATOR? DO YOU SERVE THE VANQUISHED OR THE VICTOR?

370 old hymnal "I'VE FOUND A FRIEND" James G. Small.

I've found a friend, oh such a friend
He loved me ere I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love,
and thus He bound me to Him.

CHRIST IS STILL "GLORIFIED" TODAY WHEN WE "RECOGNIZE" HIS PRE-EMINENCE, AND REALIZE THAT SATAN HAS BEEN DEFEATED!!! CAST OUT! JUDGEMENT HAS BEEN PASSED!AND THAT WE CAN FIND REST FOR OUR SOULS IN THE RISEN ONE!

