

THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST

Introduction. 3 dangers

- 1. An improper <sup>attitude</sup> approach. This is the inner sanctum. Moses shoes, Isaiah. And yet may have boldness tho not brazenness. Caution against curiosity and shyness. This is revelation and not rationalization. Beware of attitude as if dissecting a corpse. In all our analyzation we need worship.
- 2. A limited scope. This is all comprehensive bec includes all time and eternity, and more than just the individual's salvation. Bible does not limit scope of X's death to need of human soul.
- 3. A warped view. In understanding the person of X or the need (no leniency possible on God's part), or the emphasis on the things accomplished by His death, or the righteous basis nec. etc. Purpose of God is Christological not soteriological.

Division is suffering in life and death. Must keep division or else confusion.

I. SUFFERINGS IN LIFE

Due to His holy character, His <sup>infinite</sup> compassion, His <sup>innocent</sup> anticipation of the Cross.

Importance of this (1) typologically. Confining of pascal lamb, Ex 12:3,6. Sufferings in life proved sinlessness of X. Heb 4:15.

(2) theologically. Confusion if don't understand when finished work began. What was efficacious? What was purpose of His life?

A. Sufferings due to His Holy Character.

Illus. Lot vexed in Sodom, 2 Pet 2:7-8. Illus. Xn in army. X infinite and suffered infinitely in world. Know how you suffer to say that someone hates you, cf Jn 15:18-20. He could not sin. Possible not to sin vs not possible to sin. Knew no sin, did no sin, in Him was no sin. Suffered by strength of contrast.

B. Sufferings due to Compassion. Jn 1:18-X perfect manif. of loving heart of God.

Psa 103:13. Seen in His miracles of healing. Isa 53:4 cf Mat 8:16-17.

LSC says 53@4a refers to sufferings of life and in realm of compassion.

Or say that Matt saying Isa fulfilled in a manner like firstfruits. Sickness result of sin and X curing in life to show that in death He would take away the root cause. Healing in atonement. Yes, as much as second coming.

Note X weeping 3 x. Jn 11:35. Sorrowing with those who sorrow.

Over Jerus, Mt 23:37. <sup>Lk 19:41</sup> Over Israel. Heb 5:7. Over our sin and its cost.

Many other times hinted in OT prophets.

C. Sufferings due to Anticipation. Constantly before Him--for this cause I came

into world. Sufferings of Gethsemene, not physical pain in view but anticipation of being made sin for us. Note tendency to reduce suffering of cross to physical.

The Garden experience did not atone, otherwise God would have had to forsake Him then. Not till cross did God forsake.

*Jn 18:4*

Sufferings anticipated	angel	Father, if possible	sinless
Sufferings experienced	alone	My God	made sin



B. Sufferings in Death

Who responsible for death of X.

Divine responsibility. Psa 22:15; Isa 53:6; 2 Cor 5:21. No man can lay sin on Jesus. Lamb slain before foundation. X--Gal 2:20; Jn 10:18;

HS-Heb 9:14

Human responsibility.

Acts 4:27-28.

Satanic responsibility, Gen 3:15. Col 2:14-15. What this involves is incomprehensible

Illus with Jews returning to Israel. Plan of God being worked out and yet crime.