

7 SAYINGS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

Part 7: Contentment

The last words of a dying person are very important to those who are near and dear to them.

Text: Luke 23:44-47

44 Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

45 Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “**Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’**” Having said this, He breathed His last.

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JESUS, IN HIS DARKEST MOMENT...

“Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit”

This was the last thing Jesus said before He died.

It was a word of contentment, fully trusting His Father.

In the darkest and dying moment of Jesus, He was able to face his death without any regrets but with confidence and so much contentment.

Jesus was at peace with God because He lived His life fulfilling God’s purpose in His life.

IN THE EYES OF THE ROMAN COMMANDER...

The Roman commander was overwhelmed by what He saw and heard from Jesus.

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He witnessed a totally different man on the cross. He heard words of forgiveness, salvation, affection, victory and contentment. Jesus at the very end of His life, showed that even in the darkest hour we can be content, fully trusting God.

Truths we can observe...

1. **Jesus gave Himself up for us all.**

Jesus was the only person who was born to die on the cross for the purpose of rescuing us from the power and penalty of sin.

Galatians 1:4

Who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.

2. **Jesus willingly, of His own free will, gave up His life.**

Jesus was not a victim of the cruelty of both Romans and religious leaders. He was in complete control of the situation.

John 10:18 NLT

No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.

3. **Jesus gave up His life with certainty.**

At this time, He was not shouting out of fear, nor anger, nor bitterness, not defeat.
He was shouting out with confident assurance of victory.

As believers, what are the important truths in Jesus' last statement that we can apply in our own lives?

Contentment is not having what you want, but it's wanting what you have.

1. God our Father alone can bring contentment.

God owns and creator of all things and yet He is called the ***Father*** of all.

John 16:27-28

For the Father Himself loves you...

(Also read Matthew 7:11 and James 1:17)

2. Contentment comes when we know we are in God's hand.

My Father can handle anything I place in His hands.

His hand is scarred that He may not forget me.

Isaiah 49:15-16

15 *"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast... I will not forget you!"*

16 *See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.*

3. Contentment comes when we learn to commit everything to God our Father.

Psalms 33:4, *"For the word of the LORD is upright, and **all His work is trustworthy.**"*

'WHO AM I GOING TO TRUST?' or 'WHO AM I GOING TO COMMIT MY LIFE TO?'

Yourself? Read **Proverbs 3:5**

Money or riches? Read **Proverbs 11:28; Psalm 62:10** and **1 Timothy 6:17**

People? Read **Jeremiah 17:5, 7-8**

God our Father is taking care of everything, seen and unseen!