

Walking in Joy Bible Study

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast . . . HEB. 6:19

JESUS, OUR ANCHOR &

HOPE

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Ladies welcome. We hope that Easter, Resurrection Sunday, was a joyous celebration of our Lord's resurrection. We know God has a way of blessing us beyond our imagination. Hopefully you saw the blessing of the many new lives that came to the Lord as well as those who rededicated their lives again. With all the joy still fresh in our minds, our writer takes a moment to refresh our memory of the last time we were together.

As you know, we were heading back to Jerusalem with our writer and Rabbi Rose who took us to visit Golgotha, also known as Calvary. To help prepare us for the Lord Resurrection, our writer desired that while visiting Golgotha, we would have the opportunity to experience the whole of what Jesus did for us. He also knew that for the life and death of Jesus to have an impact, it would be important to not only see what happened, but also be able to read what happened. Instead of going into the book of Hebrew 10, the writer presented the death of our Lord through the lens of Psalms 40:1-17.

While reading through Psalm 40:1-17, our writer pointed to the first verse where David expressed, “I waited patiently,” in other words, our writer points this out to get the attention of the listening audience and to challenge us to wait. Although we were asked to read the whole chapter, our writer's, emphasis focused on verses 6-9. We notice the transition here in verse 6, where Rabbi Rose states that while it seems that David was in deep contrition, the Lord shows him a glimpse of the future; when he pens “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened; (Hebrews. 10:5 says, “a body You have prepared) In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. “Then I said, “Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.” Even David recognized that these verses shows us that God had already put plans in motion for a sacrifice that did more than just cover sin; it would be a one and only sacrifice that would take away sin.

Again looking to Calvary, our writer brings us back to Hebrews 10, where he reiterates the insufficiency of animal sacrifices as seen in verses 1-4. Jesus fulfilling the will of God is seen in verses 5-10. Lastly, perfecting of those being sanctified as seen in verses 11-18. The cross should be a reminder of the perfect will of God through His son, Jesus Christ. Ponder this poignant excerpt from Max Lucado;



The Shadow of the Cross

God put on him the wrong who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God. *2 COR. 5:21 MSG*
Envision the moment. God on his throne. You on the earth. And between you and God, suspended between you and heaven, is Christ on his cross. Your sins have been placed on Jesus. God, who punishes sin, releases his rightful wrath on your mistakes. Jesus receives the blow. Since Christ is between you and God, you don't. The sin is punished, but you are safe—safe in the shadow of the cross.

This is what God did, but why, why would he do it? Moral duty? Heavenly obligation?

Paternal requirement? No. God is required to do nothing.

The reason for the cross? God loves the world.

Excerpt from *Grace for the Moment Volume II*

He Chose the Nails” Max Lucado

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Background Verses:

Every day - Hebrews 10:1-18

DAY THREE:

Psalm 110:1-2

Jeremiah 31:34-36

Jeremiah 33:6

Hebrews 7:19

Hebrews 8:5

2 Corinthians 4:14-15

DAY FOUR:

Colossians 2:11-19

Colossians 3:1-4

Act 13:39

Romans 3:20

Micah 6:6-8

John 15:3

John 17:17

Luke 22:35-42