

My God, My God Where Were You?!?

From the Series

Healing Rain

“Your father drags people to unconsciousness. Then, when they are helpless, he has them stretched out on a table; in which he then cuts their bodies with knives!”

False Expectations → Disappointment & Anger

“The powers of darkness gather about the soul and shut Jesus from our sight, and at times we can only wait in sorrow and amazement until the cloud passes over. These seasons are sometimes terrible. Hope seems to fail, and despair seizes upon us. In these dreadful hours we must learn to trust, to depend solely upon the merits of the atonement, and in all our helpless unworthiness cast ourselves upon the merits of the crucified and risen Saviour. We shall never perish while we do this—never!”

When light shines on our pathway, it is no great thing to be strong in the strength of grace. But to wait patiently in hope when clouds envelop us and all is dark, requires faith and submission which causes our will to be swallowed up in the will of God. We are too quickly discouraged, and earnestly cry for the trial to be removed from us, when we should plead for patience to endure and grace to overcome.” {White; Testimony Treasures Vol. 1 pg. 107}

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“If a man love me, he will keep my words” John 14:23

“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar” I John 4:20

“For the spirit we manifest toward our brethren declares what is our spirit toward God.” {Desire of Ages, pg. 505}

“The human heart longs for sympathy in suffering. This longing Christ felt to the very depths of His being. In the supreme agony of His soul He came to His disciples with a yearning desire to hear some words of comfort from those whom He had so often blessed and comforted, and shielded in sorrow and distress.” {White; Desire of Ages pg. 687}

“But bodily pain was but a small part of the agony of God’s dear Son. The sins of the world were upon Him, also the sense of His Father’s wrath as He suffered the penalty of the law transgressed. It was these that crushed His divine soul. **It was the hiding of His Father’s face—a sense that His own dear Father had forsaken Him—which brought despair.** The separation that sin makes between God and man was fully realized and keenly felt by the innocent, suffering Man of Calvary. He was oppressed by the powers of darkness. He had not one ray of light to brighten the future. And He was struggling with the power of Satan, who was declaring that he had Christ in his power, that he was superior in strength to the Son of God, that the Father had disowned His Son, and that He was no longer in the favor of God any more than himself. If He was indeed still in favor with God, why need He die? God could save Him from death.” {White; Testimony to the Church Vol. 2 pg. 214}

“His holy angels were beside the cross. The Father was with His Son. Yet His presence was not revealed. Had His glory flashed forth from the cloud, every human beholder would have been destroyed. And in that dreadful hour Christ was not to be comforted with the Father’s presence. He trod the wine press alone, and of the people there was none with Him. {White; Desire of Ages pg. 753}

“We are never alone. We have a Companion, whether we choose him or not...In the deepest darkness and solitude he is there.” {White; Youth Instructor May 26, 1898, par. 8}