



“I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifies me; *therefore* who will contend with me? Let us stand together: who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? Lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.” Isaiah 50:6 – 9

What did Jesus suffer for us? How terrifying was His experience as the Lamb of God – the Sacrifice Lamb? What unimaginable horrors did He face because He willingly bore the transgression of Adam’s race? And He did it all for Love’s sake! He bore what you could not bear. He carried what you could not carry. He did it all for you! Jesus’ suffering is immeasurable by our experience or by our limited view and perspective – yet He set His face to the task, knowing the Father would be with Him and would help Him.

Jesus was willing to face the punishments of Heaven’s justice in order to free us from that righteous verdict already pronounced. He endured the Father’s rejection upon the Cross of Calvary that we might share once again the joys of the Father’s presence. Yet, even in the moment of the Father’s hand of judgment extended over His own Son, Jesus – ever walking and living by faith, had uttered these prophetic words through the prophet hundreds of years before the moment of their reality in time! “Though the Father will turn His face from Me as I bear the punishments and sins of the people – because I have always honored the Father and keep His Word, because I have set My face to His will and not My own – regardless of how I feel or how dark the hour – the Father will help me!”

“As the Father has sent Me, so in like manner I send you.” (John 20:21). Whatever you are facing today Jesus will be with you even as the Father was with Him in His hour of trouble. It matters not whether you can feel His Spirit with you or upon you. He said He would never leave you – and He hasn’t! It is for you to experience even as Jesus did, your enemies being unable to stand before you! “What shall separate us from the love of God? Who shall be against us, who dare condemn us?” (Romans 8:31 – 39)

“I will not fear! For the Lord will help me!”

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