

“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?’ that is to say, ‘My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?’” Matthew 27:46 KJV



These are Words uttered from the depths of soul anguish of our Lord Savior, Himself! Not only did Jesus suffer physical torture no human had ever encountered, He went through the mental and soul-rending anguish of complete and utter abandonment by those He loved and by the Father-God with whom He had been eternally united! To understand this separation try to imagine your very heart of hearts ripped from your psyche, leaving you in the moment of deepest agony and suffering all alone and helpless! From the pen of the Psalmist in Psalm 22 we have a brief insight into the mind of our Saviour on Golgotha's bloody knoll. *“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken Me? Why art Thou so far from helping Me, and from the words of my roaring? Thou hast brought Me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed Me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed Me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon Me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. But be not thou far from Me, O LORD: O My Strength, haste Thee to help me. Deliver my soul from the sword; My Darling from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth: for Thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.”* Notice, however, the end of these statements. *“Thou hast heard me.”* Even in complete abandonment Jesus knew His cries were heard! Have you ever felt abandoned by God? Jesus felt that in ways you can never know, but still He trusted, and you may also, because God has Promised, *“I will never leave you nor forsake you, and him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out!”* God turned His Back on Christ, not because He had sinned, but because He had the sins of the whole world thrust upon Him, and God can never have contact with sin! It is your sin which will separate you from God, and unless you repent, will keep you eternally separated! But, because He paid the penalty for your sin, Christ can plead your cause in the Throne room of Heaven! You cannot rid yourself of sin except by repentance to God. Jesus said, *“If ye believe not that I am [God], ye shall die in your sins.”* *If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous: And He is the Propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* To be forgiven and cleansed you must believe God and repent. Repentance is turning back to obedience of God's Holy Word. Sorrow and remorse are NOT repentance, but can lead you there if it is sorrow of God! *“For Godly Sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of (turned back from): but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”* In other words, not sorry you got caught, but sorrowful that you have wronged the eternal Lover of your soul!

Never forsaken by your God,
As you travail upon the sod,
For all His Holy Word is sure,
And will forever more endure! –CGP

Always remember, even in your deepest agony of soul, Jesus knows your pain and He is there to hear your cry! Our deliverance is but a cry away if we cry to Jesus!

“I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD;’ and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah (pause). For this shall every one that is Godly pray unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. Thou art my Hiding Place; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with Songs of Deliverance. Selah.” Psalms 32:5-7 KJV