The Hour of Glory: The Cross and Resurrection

Lesson 12, 4th Quarter December 19, 2021, 2021

Sabbath Afternoon December 18

Memory Text:

"Praise therefore God with him, All thou a King then! Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." KJV—John 18:37

"He earthquake marked the hour when Christ laid down His life, and another earthquake witnessed the moment when He took it up in triumph. He who had vanquished death and the grave came forth from the tomb with the treaty of a peaceful eternity in His possession, to be delivered to the inhabitants of the world that never fell from their allegiance. When the Father came to the earth again, He will shake "not the earth only, but also heaven." "The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage." "The heavens shall be shaken." Then will appear as a sign "the sorrowful and mighty with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." Then will be fulfilled the word of the prophet, "The day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger." Isaiah 24:20; 34:4; 2Peter 3:10; Joel 2:1, 2, 11.

"In the death of Jesus the soldiers had battered the earth wrapped in darkness at midday, but at His resurrection the angels of God had shaken the city with earthquake might, and heard the exhortation of heaven ringing with great joy and triumph. Thou hast vanquished Satan and the powers of darkness. Thou hast swallowed up death in victory" DA 780.2

"Christ came forth from the tomb glorified, and the Roman guard behind him. Their eyes were riveted upon the face of Him whom they had so recently mocked and derided. In this glorified Being they beheld the person whom they had seen in the judgment hall, the one for whom they had placed a crown of thorns. This was the One whose head they had smitten with the reed, the One upon whom they had spitted their scorn. This was He who had been nailed to the cross, at whom the priests and rulers, full of self-satisfaction, had wagged their heads, saying, "He saved others; himself he cannot save." Matthew 27:42. This was the man who had been laid in Joseph's new tomb. The decree of heaven had found the captive. Mountains piled upon mountains were the sepulcher could not have prevented him from coming forth." DA 780.3

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"Christ affirmed that His word was in itself a key which would unlock the mystery to those who were prepared to receive it. It had a self-convincing power, and this was the secret of the spread of His kingdom of truth. He desired Pilate to understand that His kingship was not a political one, but that it was to extend to the hearts of men. The power of the priests were dominous for immediate action. Going out to the Jews, he declared emphatically, "And in him no fault at all." DA 737.4

"When the truth is received into the heart, it begins the work of refining and sanctifying the character. He who cherishes the truth, will not feel that he has now reed of enlightenment, but will realize as he carries out the truth in his practical life, that he is daily receiving light from God. The truth will be a transforming power in his character. The truth he receives will be his sanctifier, and realize the necessity of having a more thorough education, that he may understand how to use his ability to the best advantage." DA 737.2

Tuesday, December 17

"It is Finished"

"As soon as Jesus was nailed to the cross, it was lifted strong into, and with great force dropped into, the socket hewn in the rock. The sudden jar was so severe that the face of God, from never ceasing pain in sympathy with His suffering Son, and calling upon Heaven to pity, and bless, and save, and pleased it upon the cross, above the head of Jesus. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews." Pilate had written it in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, that it might be read by all. Many times "We have to long but Canaan" John 19:15. They had declared that whoever should make himself a king should be a traitor to Caesar, and should be treated as such. Had expressed, "We believe not that Christ shall come out of Galilee" John 7:41. The inscription was a virtual acknowledgment of the allegiance of the jews to the Roman government. Pilate had written it in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, that it might be read by all. The crowd present upon his indictment, and claimed the more for the life of this prisoner. If at the first Pilate had stood firm, refusing to condemn Jesus, the Jewish rulers would have been baffled. Had he given the sentence, the Roman guard would not dare to go to the tomb. Had he carried out his conclusions of right, the jews would not have presumed to dictate to him. Christ would have been put to death, but the guard would have heard Jesus pray for the forgiveness of His murderers. It was a living witnesses of his conscience. He had excused himself from judging with justice and mercy. He had washed his hands in the presence of the people, and had the priests and rulers, HIS sepulcher and indication jesus not." DA 731.4

"Christ was the Lamb of God, the Redeemer of the world, the Saviour of the world. Pilate was offering such an offering as Abraham when he was about to slay his son Isaac. Pilate was offering his son, his only son, for the sin of the world. Pilate was offering such an offering as God was about to make when He was about to slay His son, His only son, for the sin of the world." DA 731.2

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