

Luke 23:44-49 - DADDY'S HANDS

INTRO - There is no one like Jesus. No one ever lived like Jesus & no one ever died like Jesus. Unique in birth / life / death. And...no one was ever in such close communion with the Father. Today is Father's Day. I think we all have some daddy issues. We all know that every earthly father is faulty...intuitively know Model Father/Heavenly Father/Holy Father, a Perfect Father from whom all family and fatherhood is derived (Eph. 3:14-15). Today we also end our series on the *Sacred 7* and it ends where it begins...the Son talking to the Father. In this last *CrossWord* we see Jesus resting from His great work and He rests in His Father's hands... Daddy's Hands Review *His Utterances in Order* *Confidence in the Father* *Evidence of the Hereafter*

UTTERANCE

Jesus gave seven last words as He hung on the cross. *Sacred 7/CrossWords* (1 word summaries)

1. Relinquish Jesus was giving the forgiving over to the Father
2. Responsibility Jesus arranges for the physical and spiritual care of His mother
3. Reassure Jesus promised the repentant thief paradise
4. Rejection "Daddy's hands hard as steel when We'd done wrong" Fathers face turned from the Son
5. Remembrance Thirst is a descriptor of hell and a detail not left out
6. Redemption Only Jesus could afford our forgiveness & He paid it all & in full
7. Re_____ The work of redemption is done. Now He is ready to rest
 - a. A. Pink "Just as the 6th day brought the work of creation...to completion, so the 6th utterance of the Saviour was, "*It is finished.*" And just as the 7th day was the day of rest and satisfaction, so the 7th utterance of the Saviour brings Him to a place of rest - the Father's hands."
 - b. RELEASE Jesus RELEASES His spirit
 - i. Jesus *gave* His life...they didn't take His life Matt. 20:28 John 10:17-18
 - ii. Jesus is the source of life - John 5:26 He voluntarily released it - Matt. 27:50
 - iii. When the Source of Life releases His life....creation notices Matt. 27:51-54
 - iv. Veil torn, earthquake, rocks split, soldiers confess Luke 23:45, 47
 - v. The crowds are convicted by this unique death Luke 23:48
 - vi. The innocent Son of God was sacrificed...and all of creation knew it
 - vii. Jesus releases His spirit....to rest in fellowship with the Father Luke 23:46

CONFIDENCE

- Jesus' last *CrossWord* shows His commitment to the Father and confidence in the Father
 - "*Daddy's hands weren't always gently but I've come to understand, there was always love in daddy's hands.*"
- There is love between the Father & Son inner-Trinitarian fellowship & relationship
 - John 1:18 John 3:35 John 5:20a John 10:17 John 17:24, 26
 - God is love
- Though the Father's hands were hard against the Son as our Substitute, yet the Saviors confidence in Father is unwavering. Into the hand that stuck Me...and loves Me

- When Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac, you don't read of any resistance
 - Isaac submitted himself to the will of his father (type of the greater Son)
- Jesus had no resistance to His Father sacrificing Him on our behalf
- Jesus held in full confidence in life....in death....and after death
 - Life - did the will of the Father
 - Death - became obedient to death Phil. 2:8
 - He went willingly
 - He suffered passively
 - Even when the Father "turned His face" away from the Son...the Son still cried out to God. He trusted in the dark
 - After death the eternal confidence and reliance that Jesus had in His Father is on full display as He enters into death Luke 23:46
 - Jesus is quoting Psalm 31:5 (1-5)
 - He died in full faith in His Father
- Who are you trusting in life.....in death.....and after death?

EVIDENCE

- Jesus' last *CrossWord* gives us evidence of the afterlife
 - What happen to Jesus when He died? Where did He go?
- Death is not the final end. Death is a transition Death is a doorway/passageway
 - James 2:26 death = separation of body and spirit
 - Eccles. 12:6-7
 - God formed us humans with: body, soul and spirit 1 Thess. 5:23 Zech. 12:1
- Jesus released His spirit to His Father
 - Jesus told the thief "*Today.....with Me in paradise*" Luke 23:43
 - False teaching that says Jesus went to hell to suffer after He died
 - No! He went to paradise...His spirit released to the Father's hands
 - Jesus finished the work of redemption ON THE CROSS
 - He suffered eternal hell from the hand of the Father ON THE CROSS
 - The 7th word (like the 7th day) is a word of release and rest
 - He releases His spirit to go rest in the Father's hand
 - "*Daddy's hands weren't always gently but I've come to understand, there was always love in daddy's hands.*"
- The Father's hands is where you want to land when you die
 - How is your relationship with God the Father?
 - Are you on speaking terms with the Father.....good terms?
 - The Son is the only way to the Father.
 - The Father accepts all who are in His Son because the Son was rejected for sinners. We are accepted in Him because He was rejected for us.
- Those who reject the Son will not fall into the hands of a loving Father when they die
 - Heb. 10:29-31
- Right now "*Daddy's Hands*" are open and welcoming Isaiah 65:1-2
 - Come to the Father by way of the Son and you will know the security of the Father's hands