

Daily Devotion For April 16, 2022

“Be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord” James 5:7

Yesterday for Good Friday, we were reminded of the Agony of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane as he was on his way to the Cross, “The emblem of suffering and shame.” The women have anointed Jesus body and he has been placed in the borrowed tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. While on the cross, Jesus made seven statements that spoke of his love for a lost humanity. But now, on Saturday, Jesus is silent. God the Father is also silent. God and His Son, spoke loudly on Friday. God tore the curtains of the temple, opened the graves of the dead, rocked the earth, blocked the sun, and sacrificed his Son. Heaven and earth heard much from God on Friday.

But on Saturday, God is silent, Jesus is silent in the tomb, Saturday is silent.

We love the celebration of Easter but we tend to skip Saturday. Good Friday and Easter Sunday tend to get our attention. The crucifixion and the resurrection get the headlines. But let us not forget Saturday.

Silent Saturdays, the day between the struggle and the solution; the question and the answer; the offered prayer and the answered prayer. Jesus died with this conviction found in Acts 2:27: “You will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.” Jesus had always put His trust in God.

Jesus knew his Father in heaven would not leave him alone in the grave. The hope of the resurrection is that God will not leave us alone in our struggles. God’s silence is not the absence of activity. Saturday’s have that purpose, when we think God is silent, He is still at work. On Saturday, we need to remember that God has a plan and a purpose through the trials and struggles we go through.

**Thought For Today:** Do you find yourself in the situation where God seems silent? Remember, God inserts a Saturday between the cross and the resurrection. God is not silent, He is still at work. We need only to keep our trust in Him.

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Are you going through a time where God seems silent? Someone you know is going through a difficult time and God seems far off? Pray for them today that in the midst of yours or their struggles, they would soon hear from God and put trust in Him. Deo Volente.