

" ... today, you will be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43)

b) The Thoughtfulness of the Son's Care of His Mother

" ... Woman, behold your son!" (John 19:26)

c) The Costliness of the Son's Care of His Mother

"Woman, behold ... " (John 19:26)

Conclusion

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Words From The Cross

The Word of Affection

John 19:25-27

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" ... Jesus ... said to His mother, 'Woman behold your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother!' ... " (John 19:26-27)

Introduction

We read that "When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' ... " (John 19:26-27).

In that word of affection Jesus lifted all human relationships out of the disharmony and sordidness, into which sin had brought them, into the purity, glory and wonder of what they can be and mean, through the work of His cross.

1. The Son's Confidence in His Mother

"When Jesus therefore saw His mother ... " (John 19:26)

" ... a sword will pierce through your own soul ... " (Luke 2:35)

a) A Sacrificing Love

" ... she brought forth her firstborn Son, ... and laid Him in a manger ... " (Luke 2:7)

b) A Sheltering Love

" ... behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him'" (Matthew 2:13)

c) A Succouring Love

" ... He [Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them ... " (Luke 2:51)

d) A Submitting Love

" ... They have no wine." And He replied, " ... Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come" (John 2:3A)

e) A Suffering Love

" ... there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother ... " (John 19:25)

" ... Jesus saw His mother ... " (John 19:26)

2. The Son's Courtesy to His Mother

" ... Jesus ... saw His mother, and ... said ... 'Woman' ... " (John 19:26)

"Honour your father and your mother ... " (Exodus 20:12)

a) The Courtesy of an Approved Son

" ... Why is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49)

" ... was subject to them ... And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:49-52)

b) The Courtesy of an Anointed Servant

"Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4)

" ... This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17)

c) The Courtesy of an Appointed Saviour

" ... 'Woman, behold your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother!' ... " (John 19:26-27)

3. The Son's Care of His Mother

"When Jesus therefore saw His mother ... He said ... 'Woman, behold your son!' ... 'Behold your mother!' ... " (John 19:26-27)

" ... if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God ... But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Tim. 5:4, 8)

a) The Selflessness of the Son's Care of His Mother

"When Jesus ... saw ... " (John 19:26)

" ... Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do ... " (Luke 23:34)