

Now the second part of this promise is that in verse

37 "they shall look upon Him whom they have pierced". In

Zachariah 12:10 we find this prophecy made. Acts 2:23,

Revelation 1:7. They shall look upon Me which is here

applied to Christ. It is here implied that the Messiah shall

be pierced and here it is that He has gone through this and has

been pierced, not only in His hands and His feet, but in His

side. Zachariah 13:6. It is promised that when the Spirit is

poured out they shall look upon Him and mourn.

This implies that there will be those who will look in

sympathy at the cross of Christ, my friends, will look upon

as a dark tragedy of history that touches every heart to sorrow.

No one can read the story of Jesus who was meek and lowly

of heart who took the little children up in His arms, who

touched the leper, who gave sight to the blind, on the cross

with a spear thrust in His side. It matters not what men are

believers or unbelievers. That there will be emotion in their

heart. This piercing seems to them all the most useless of

all the crimes connected to His crucifixion. But here is

evidence of sympathetic mourning.

The Christian church feels the call of sorrow more deeply

as the ages go by. We may not care to set apart a day to

special commemoration ~~as~~ as some great churches do but

we know that the death of Christ of the Cross was horrible.

he saw and he silences the fear of weak Christians and he

encourages their hope as he gives an eyewitness account of

the circumstances which enabled him to be accurate in his

testimony.

V. A Twofold Prophecy Fulfilled Verse 36-37

We have here the completion of prophecy. As we go back in our

memory and trace the steps of Jesus and we follow Him

from His incarnation to the mystery of the cross and as His

followers did they searched the Old Testament to find the

interpretation of His words and of His deeds.

And they read, "They shall smite the shepherd and the

sheep shall be scattered abroad." So on this fateful day

at the cross there was passage after passage of the Old Testa-

ment which stood out in due significance with new meaning.

We read, even the accounts of Judas taking the coins and

easting them down and the coins being used to buy a field to

bury strangers in. For Jeremiah had written of this. "And

they took the 30 pieces of silver, the price of Him that was

valued whom they of the children of Israel did value and gave

them for the potter's field."

When they marked that He was crucified between 2 thieves

these people had to but read the words of Isaiah and He was

numbered with the transgressors.

When they pictured the soldiers sitting down at the foot