

of the cross casting their dice for His seamless robe, they had to but turn to the (Psalms) "They parted my garments among them and upon my vesture did they caste lots."

When they heard again Christ cry "I thirst" and saw the soldiers come up with the sponge and the cooling vinegar, they also could hear the psalmist singing "In my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."

Here at the end of the day of His death the thieves were dying slowly in their agony and Pilate had set the soldiers to give the blows which would break the limbs, they found Jesus already in death. They did not break ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> limb or a bone but they put a spear in His side. Then it is that they recalled the words, "A bone of him shall not be broken" and also the words "They shall look on Him whom they pierced".

We might go to the book (Zachariah) who had seen the vision of the day yet to come when the people of God hardened in their hearts, rebellious in spirit, should return in sorrow to the faith and fear and service of God. "I will pour out upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of supplication and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn." And certainly that mourning was a broken heart. It should be as wide-spread as the mourning of Isreah mourning its young hero, King Josias when he was fatally wounded at Metledo. Josiah had gone to

battle in a cause which was not his own and he was wounded by an arrow and as he was carried back to Jerusalem men and women mourned his death.

Therefore from prophecy we see first of all fulfilled the reference to "not a bone in His body shall be broken".

But here were the type of the Pascal Lamb which was referred to back in Exodus 12:46. Neither shall ye break a bone thereof. And also in Numbers 9:12. "They shall leave none of it until the morning nor break any bone of it". The former passage has reference to the Lamb of the passover slain. The latter passage was in reference to the pascal lamb eaten at the yearly passover. So here was an (anti-type) which spoke years before and Christ was the answer to that type. Christ was out passover in sacrifice for us. I Corinthians 5:7. He is the Lamb of God and as the true passover his bones were kept unbroken. This commandment was given concerning His bones when dead as of Joseph.

Hebrews 11:22.

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strength of the body is in the bones. The Hebrew word for

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Christ must be broken. To show that though He be crucified in weakness, His strength can be saved is not all broken.

Sin breaks our bones but it did not break Christ's bones. He stood firm under the burden mighty to save.