

Jesus' Words from the Cross for Others Luke 23:32-43

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Introduction: Matt. 27; Mark 15; John 19 – crucifixion events

- A Prayer of Compassion – Luke 23:34 And Jesus said, **Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.**
 - The Request – forgiveness for others
 - The Reason – ignorance of these others
 - Acts 3:17; Eph. 4:18; 1 Tim. 1:13; 1 Peter 1:14
 - Acts 17:23, 30; Heb. 9:7 (Lev. 5:15,18)

- A Promise of Communion – Luke 23:43 And he said to him, **Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.**
 - The Three heavens: Gen. 1:8 expanse – heaven; sky
 - Atmosphere – expanse, sky, firmament – Gen. 1:6-8
 - Celestial – outer space – Gen. 1:14-19
 - Third Heaven – Deut. 10:14; 2 Cor. 12:2-3; Heb. 4:4
 - The Three promises:
 - Ideal: You will be in paradise (exquisite and eternal)
 - Immediate: You will be in paradise today
 - Intimate: You will be with Me in paradise – 2 Cor. 5:8

- A Provision of Care – John 19:26-27 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, **Woman, behold, your son!** Then he said to the disciple, **“Behold, your mother!”**
 - The Law: Ex. 20:12 (5th of the Ten Commandments); Deut. 5:16
 - The Lord: Matt. 15:4,6; 19:19; Mark 7:10; 10:19; Luke 18:20
 - The Letters: Eph. 6:2; 1 Tim. 5:8

God's love: 1 John 4:16,8-10,19; John 3:16-17; 14:1-6; Eph. 2:4; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 1:4; 1 Thes. 1:4; Rom. 8:35,37,39; 5:8; 2 Thes. 3:5; 2:16-17

Points of Personal Ponderance (Application for Action):

- ✚ Have I been forgiven of my sins by God?
- ✚ Will I enter heaven, God's paradise, one day?
- ✚ How has my faith in Christ brought forth fruit for others?