

The Atonement

The crown of thorns was put upon His head, not gently but roughly, and many thorns (maybe a dozen or more) one-and-a-half inches long would jab into His scalp, producing such serious wounds that trickles of blood would spurt out and run into His hair and beard, matting both in dark red.

The spikes were driven into the palms of His hands, and His blood would course down His arms and sides, later the spear was thrust into His side and His blood would spurt out and run down the sides of the cross on to the ground beneath. His feet were driven through with spikes and more blood would run down the sides of the altar, and His blood would literally be sprinkled by His own finger on to the ground beneath on behalf of the sins of the whole world, while the Jews were putting their trust in animal blood.

He even fulfilled the type of sprinkling the Blood on the Book, for He is the Word of Life. Every bone was out of joint (read Psalm 22); His face was dreadful to look upon and marred. There was no beauty in Him that we should desire Him (Isaiah 53:2). God gave His best, His Son, His perfect sacrifice, and even in death, there was no blemish on Him, for lie was dead when the soldiers arrived to break His legs. Those who looked on him saw only blood. It was a spectacle of blood. His hair and beard were soaked in His own blood; His back from 39 stripes was lacerated and covered in His own blood, the cross was covered in His blood. The very earth beneath was soaked. *Every type of the atonement was fulfilled in Christ. It was blood, blood, blood.*

Is it any wonder that He cried in agony of soul (not so much of body) "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46). Why had the Father forsaken the Son? It is written that God cannot look upon sin (Habakkuk 1: 13) and so when Jesus was bearing the sins of the world on His body on the cross, the Father could not look at His Son, Who had become sin for us—He fulfilled the type of the brazen serpent on the pole (John 3:14, 15). He was made sin for our sin (Romans 8:3), so the Father could not look upon Him, BUT when His own blood covered His own Body, on which was laid our iniquity and sin (Isaiah 53:6), then once again the Father could turn and gaze upon His only begotten Son, for He had been obedient unto death, even the death of the cross and now our sins were atoned for, or covered under His own precious blood.

His life for our lives. The Father then looked, not on our sin, but on His Son's blood. That was enough: His Son had offered His LIFE in His BLOOD for mankind. The Father had respect unto the offering, and our redemption was made complete.