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WHERE ALL PROBLEMS FIND SOLUTIONS

“He who did not spare his own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things.” (Romans 8:32)

The wisest thing ever said to me was the word of an old minister years and years ago. It was no more than a throwaway line in a conversation about something else. But it seems to me still the most pregnant sentence I have ever heard.

“Remember,” he said, “God is sovereign in all things, and all problems find their solution at Calvary.”

“All problems” in that statement was shorthand for all spiritual problems. But, mind you, most human problems are spiritual in the final analysis. They have in them a dimension that has to do with one’s relationship with God, and you cannot get the human part of the problem right until the relationship with God has been put right as well. Paul was very clear on this.

Or take the pervasive modern problem of *forlornness*, or *loneliness*. But it is a little more than loneliness. It is the sense that in this great bustling world I am on my own and I am lost. I have no one to turn to, no one to help me, and I do not know where I am going. To this forlornness there is no answer save to know the love of God personally directed to me.

But how does a person come to know that love? Paul tells us: “God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Take people to the foot of the cross and tell them of Jesus Christ crucified and what His death means, and at once a solution to forlornness begins to appear. Yes, God loves you and He did this for you. He cares for you. He wants you as His child. He adopts you into His family by virtue of what Christ has done for you. He will be with you and love you forever. Now you are no longer lost; you are found. AMEN.

~Dr. J.I. Packer~

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

