**R928\_Rumination for November 06, 2022**

The **T**heme: **A Body hast Thou Prepared Me.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext:*Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith…****a body*** *hast Thou prepared Me:* Heb. 10:5

The **T**hots:

Intro. The Body plays a very important **R**ole in God Plan.

1. **God Prepared a Body for Man.** Gen. 2:7
2. Man’s **C**reation: God gave man a Body.

*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

1. God’s **C**ommands: Gen. 2:16-17

*And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:*

*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

1. Man’s **C**ommitment of Sin. Gen. 3:11-12
2. Man **C**alled up: *Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I* ***C****ommanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?*
3. Man’s **C**onfession: *The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.*
4. God’s **C**urse of the **S**erpent. Gen. 3:14

*The LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed:*

1. God’s **C**urse on **S**inners: Gal. 3:10

*For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one*

*that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.*

1. All sinners **C**ondemned to die - *Behold, all souls are mine…the soul that sinneth, it shall die.* Eze. 18:4
2. The **S**omatic Body will return to Dust - *for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return* Gen. 3:19
3. The **S**pirit and **S**oul without Christ will face Judgment – Heb. 9:27

*As it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*

1. **God Prepared a Body for His Son to save Sinners from Judgement Heb. 10:5b**

 *Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not,*

*but a body hast thou prepared Me.*

1. **S**acrifices and offerings could not **S**atisfy the Holy God. Heb. 10:3, 4
2. *But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.*
3. *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*
4. **S**acrifices to God must be **S**acred and without **S**pot Hen. 10:1, 2
5. *For the law having a* ***S****hadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those* ***S****acrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.*
6. *For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of* ***S****ins*
7. *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as* ***S****ilver and gold,*

*But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without* ***S****pot:* I Pet. 1:18, 19

1. Thus, God had to prepare and **S**et up a Body for Jesus.
2. Jesus was **D**edicated a Body and made Man: Heb. 2:9
3. *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death.*
4. *But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant,*

*and was made in the likeness of men:*

1. With the Body, Jesus **D**ied in the Sinner’s place. Phil. 2:8
2. ***B****eing found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death…*
3. *Who His own self* ***B****are our sins in His own body on the tree.* I Pet. 2:24
4. Because He is Holy, His Body did not see **D**ecay, but was raised in Resurrection: Acts 2:27

*Because Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

1. **D**oubting Thomas and the **D**isciples saw the risen Jesus in His Body: Jn. 20:27

*Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand,*

*and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing.*

1. Jesus **D**eparted to heaven in His Body and will return to earth for His people in His Body: Acts 1:11

*Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.*

1. Now **D**ivine Persons are come to **D**well in our Bodies: I Cor. 3:16
2. *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*
3. *What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you…?* I Cor. 6:19

**C**onclusion and **C**hallenge: *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies*

 *a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

**C**ommemoration: *The Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread:*

 *And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body,*

 *which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.* I Cor. 11:23, 24

*Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid? Your heart does the Spirit control?*

*You can only be blest, And have peace and sweet rest,*

 *As you yield Him your body and soul.* Elisha A. Hoff­man

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 928**

1. The body is a very important vehicle of expression of the inner man. Its external features include a frown, a growl, a sneer, a smile, a grin, a smirk and many other facial and bodily expressions that betray what the inside feelings of the person are.

It is also the vehicle that acts out in deed form the inner desires of a personality for the good or bad depending on the inside intentions of the person. However, it is not always that the outward acts are the consequences of inner thought; on the contrary, the body seems to act contrary to what the inner man desires or does not want.

Paul realised this in his struggle with his egoistic self. He says very succinctly:

**Romans 7:15-25 (HCSB)**

*15 For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not practice what I want to do, but I do what I hate.*

*16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree with the law that it is good.*

*17 So now I am no longer the one doing it, but it is sin living in me.*

*18 For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do what is good is with me, but there is no ability to do it.*

*19 For I do not do the good that I want to do, but I practice the evil that I do not want to do.*

*20 Now if I do what I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but it is the sin that lives in me.*

*21 So I discover this principle: When I want to do what is good, evil is with me.*

*22 For in my inner self I joyfully agree with God’s law.*

*23 But I see a different law in the parts of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me prisoner to the law of sin in the parts of my body.*

Paul sums up his helpless and hopeless struggle with his inner sinful self through his body as: *24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this dying body?*

Then he summarily concludes: *25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

Butler in his Analytical Bible Expositor has this to say:

*This statement is elliptical in that words are implied that mean that the deliverer from "the body of this death"* (Romans 7:24) *and from the problem of not being able to do right is "Jesus Christ our Lord." Christ not only saves us but gives us the strength to overcome evil in our lives.* Analytical Bible Expositor - Romans.

Do you have the same experience and encounter in your struggle with your inner self?

 **REFLECT**

1. Today we are living in our body. Paul states: II Corinthians 5:6-10 –

***Therefore we are always confident****, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body,*

*we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*

***We are confident,*** *I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him.*

Are you confident of what happens to you in your body now and what will happen to it thereafter? Remember…

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

Today many things are done in our body – good or bad. These things are often motivated by what is in our mind. We are what we think.

Mark 7:21-23 – *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.* What is the Man or the Woman in your body? **REFLECT.**

**Points To Ponder:**

*You Are What You Think! What are your Thoughts When You are on your own?*