**R968 Rumination for Aug. 13, 2023**

The **T**heme: **He Bore it All for us.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

**The Text:** *And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can* ***bear****.* Gen. 4:13

The **T**hots:

1. **The Judgment of Cain’s Punishment – more than he could bear!**
2. The **S**in that incurred God’s Judgment – the first **M**urder in **M**an’s History. Gen. 4:8

*And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field,*

*that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.*

1. The **C**urse on **C**ain and how it all **C**ommenced. Gen. 4:9-12
2. God’s **Q**uestion: *And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother?*  4:9
3. Cain’s **Q**uestionable Answer: *And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?* 4:10
4. The Brother’s **C**ontinuing **C**ry: *the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground.* 4:11, 12
5. The **C**urse on **C**ain*: And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth*

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1. The **C**ommencement of the original **C**urse on Sin –it **A**ll began with **A**dam. Rom. 5:12

*Wherefore, as by one man* [Adam]*sin entered into the world, and death by sin;*

*and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

1. Thus, the **C**ontinuation of the **C**urse after Adam and **C**ain: Gen. ch. 5
2. *And all the days that* ***Adam lived*** *were nine hundred and thirty years:* ***and he died****.* 5:5
3. *And* ***Seth lived****… an hundred and five years****…and he died****.* 5:6-8
4. *And* ***Enos lived****… eight hundred and fifteen years…****and he died***5:9-11
5. *And* ***Cainan lived****…eight hundred and forty years…****and******he died.***5:12-14,etc.
6. *And* ***Lamech lived****…seven hundred seventy and seven years:* ***and he died****.* 5:28-31
* *For the wages of sin is death…* Rom. 3:23
* *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:* Heb. 9:27
1. No Man could bear this judgment of sin on him!
2. **So** God sent His Son, the **J**ust, to bear the **J**udgment of Sin on us, the Unjust: I Pet. 3:18

*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God,*

*being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

1. ***So*** *Christ was once offered to bear the* ***S****ins of many…* Heb. 9:28
2. **The Judgment on Christ, the Just, Bearing it for the Unjust**. **I Pet. 3:18**

**J**esus **Bore** the **J**udgment of the Unjust on Himself – Isa. 53:4

1. ***S****urely He hath* ***borne*** *our griefs, and carried our* ***S****orrows…****S****tricken,* ***S****mitten of God, and afflicted.*
2. *Who His own* ***S****elf* ***bare*** *our* ***S****ins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to* ***s****ins,*

***S****hould live unto righteousness: by whose* ***S****tripes ye were healed.* I Pet. 2:24

1. ***S****o Christ was once offered to* ***bear*** *the* ***S****ins of many; and unto them that look for Him*

***S****hall he appear the* ***S****econd time without* ***S****in unto* ***S****alvation.* Heb. 9:28

1. **Now the Justified are borne by Jesus into the Presence of God.**
2. He **Bore** the **J**ustified into the Presence of God. Rom. 5:1

*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

1. Just as the High **P**riest **Bore** the names of God’s **P**eople on His Shoulders into His **P**resence:

*Aaron shall* ***bear*** *their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.* Exo. 28:12

1. The Lord **P**ersonally will sit on the throne as the King-Priest in His Glory –Heb. 1:3

*Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His* ***P****erson, and upholding*

*all things by the word of His* ***P****ower, when He had by Himself* ***P****urged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

1. For He, as the King-**P**riest, will then occupy His Rightful **P**lace as **P**redicted by Zechariah. Zech. 6:13
2. *Even He shall build the temple of the LORD; and He shall* ***bear*** *the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne;* *and He shall be a* ***P****riest upon His throne:*
3. He will be the only King-**P**riest in History! That’s why He could do so: Zech. 6:13b

*and He shall be a priest upon His throne*

* *For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.* Heb. 7:17
* Cf. *For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God.* Heb. 7:1
* Jesus is indeed the Unique King-Priest to be able to **bear** our sins

 and to **bear** us into the Presence of God!

*Jesus, my great high priest, Offered His blood, and died;*

*My guilty conscience seeks No sacrifice beside:*

*His powerful blood did once atone, And now it pleads before the throne.*

Isaac Watts

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 968**

1. On the Day of Atonement, God prescribed the following ritual to be carried out by the High Priest on behalf of the children of Israel once a year to make atonement for his sins and the sins of the nation. (Lev. 16:15-28)
*15  Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat…
20  And…he shall bring the live goat: And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:
22  And the goat shall* ***bear*** *upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.*

This would be a picture of the future coming of the Lord into the world as the “*Lamb of God which taketh the sin of the world*” (Jn. 1:29) **bearing** our sins on His own shoulders, when He died on the Cross as our Substitute, the Just for the unjust. (I Pet. 3:18**,** NKJV)
*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit…*

*Who His own self* ***bare*** *our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.* (I Pet. 2:24)

*25 Whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (*Rom. 3:25-26*,* NKJV*)*

As the high priest set the live goat free after confessing the nation’s sins upon its head into the wilderness never to return to the camp any more, so Jesus as the Lamb of God **bore** away our sins when He died never to remember them anymore -

Heb. 8:12; 10:17 - *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more*.

Psa. 103:12 *- As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.*

Are you **R**esting in the Lord and are you assured that Jesus had borne away your sins and will **R**emember them no more? **REFLECT.**

1. *In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He* ***bore*** *them and carried them…* Isa. 63:9*, NKJV*

What a remarkable comment on God’s relationship with His people. He was with them all the way through thick and thin – *in all their affliction He was afflicted*. His Person and Presence was with them; He Pitied them in their sufferings and He redeemed them. But above all else, with His Power, He **bore** them and carried them into the Promised Land.

Likewise, we are also assured of the Lord’s Promise to help us in time of need *for in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.* (Heb. 2:18, NKJV). Therefore, today He welcomes us with these lovely and comforting words: *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy* *laden, and I will give you rest*. (Mt. 11:28, NKJV). Are you Burdened, *laden,* in any way? Then Bare your heart to Him and go to Him for rest. He has gone through your Affliction and Suffered what you have suffered. He knows how you are suffering – and He can help you! **REFLECT**

**POINTS TO PONDER:**

***B****are your* ***B****urdens to Him – He Who has* ***B****orne them* ***B****efore will help you* ***B****ear them.*