An Attempt To Listen To God

Meditations On Multi-Pictures of The Sufferings of Christ

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In the following table is a list of the multi-pictures of the sufferings of Christ for sin that I am aware of in the scriptures:

One of the greatest blessings of humanity is that of being able to remember the Lord according to His command. However, there seems to be a routine of themes with scarcely any increasing depth of verbal participation in worship. It is evident that it is not the smallness of the object, but of my appreciation of Him. The Lord and His work is too vast for any heart or mind to comprehend. It is hoped that the following prefigurements of our Lord's sacrifice and the consequent blessing will enlarge our vision until the glory of the Lord fills our spiritual horizon.

- 1) The cross in this context is a synonym for the sacrifice of the Lord. This is relevant because it is only as saints live in the reality and not formality of the cross that there will be unity. When a saint understands what it is to know the love of the heart of the Lord (Rom. 5:5; 8:39), and the fullness of His forgiveness (Lk. 7:47), it is because they are living at the foot of the cross.
- 2) These illustrative types will be divided in the following ways:

Truth	Aspect	Reference
Sacrifices:	That which Abel offered	Gen. 4:4
	The ram instead of Isaac	Gen. 22:13
	The burnt offering	Lev. 1:1-17
	The meat offering	Lev. 2:1-16
	The peace offering	Lev. 3:1-17
	The sin offering	Lev. 4:1-35
	The trespass offering	Lev. 5:1-6
	The two goats	Lev. 16:7
	The two birds	Lev. 14:4
	The red heifer	Num. 19:2
	The sucking lamb	1 Sam. 7:9
	She goat	Gen. 15:9
Articles:	The coats of skins	Gen. 3:21
	The Mercy Seat (propitiation)	Rom. 3:24-25
	The tree cast into the bitter water	Ex. 15:25
	The Smitten Rock	Ex. 17:6
	The brazen serpent	Num. 21:8-9
	The rent vail	Matt. 27:51

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	The corn of wheat	Jn. 12:24
	Badger skins	Ex. 25:5
	Ram's skins	Ex. 25:5
Persons:	Abel, who was slain	Gen. 4:8
	Isaac	Gen. 22:2-9
	Jonah	Jon. 2:3-6
	Joseph	Gen. 37:2-50:26
	Boaz	Ruth 2:1-4:13
Titles:	Covert from the tempest	Isa. 32:2
	The Good Shepherd	Jn. 10:11
	The Daysman	Job 9:33
	The Gift of God	2 Cor. 9:15
	The Lamb of God	Jn. 1:29
	The Man of Sorrows	Isa. 53:3
	The Nobleman	Lk. 19:9-13
	The Offering	Eph. 5:2
	The Sacrifice	Heb. 9:24-25
	The Owl of the desert	Psa. 102:6
	The Pelican in the wilderness	Psa. 102:6
	The Sparrow alone	Psa. 102:7
	The Mediator	1 Tim. 2:5-6
	The True Bread	Jn. 6:32
	The Testator	Heb. 9:15-17
	The Way	Jn. 14:6
	The cake or wafer	Lev. 2:5-6
	The worm	Psa. 22:6

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	The Kindness of God	Titus 3:4
O.T. Words Used to Describe His Sufferings:	The day of His fierce anger	Lam. 1:12
	Forsaken by God	Psa. 22:1
Aspects of The Blood of Christ and By It:	The believer is linked to the covenant.	Heb. 12:24
	There is the knowledge of eternal life.	Jn. 6:32-69
	Justification is secured.	Rom. 5:9
	There is freedom from guilt.	Eph. 1:7
	The redeemed are brought near to God.	Eph. 2:13
	There is redemption, and forgiveness of sins.	Col. 1:14
	There is forever the witness on earth of the death of the Lord and man's hatred.	1 Jn. 5:8
	There is the impetus to overcome life itself by being a martyr for the Lord.	Rev. 12:11
Aspects of The Blood	The proof of the death of the Lord	Jn. 19:33
of Christ and It Is:	The purchasing price for the flock	Acts 20:28
	The centering point of saints on earth	1 Cor. 10:16
	The delivering power from the kingdom of Satan	Col. 1:20
	The grounds for securing our entrance before God	Heb. 9:7-12
	The grounds for our perfecting before God	Heb. 13:20
	The theme of Heaven's throngs	Rev. 5:5-14
	The assurance of the better things to come	Heb. 12:24-25
	The foundation for our sanctification	Heb. 13:12
	The evidence of the providing for the fulfilling of our election	1 Pet. 1:2
	The cost of our redemption	1 Pet. 1:18-21
	The process by which we can be cleaned	1 Jn. 1:7

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Aspects of The Cross of The Lord:	The measurement of our devotion and obedience	Heb. 12:1-4
	It is the only way to true service	Matt. 10:38
	The epitome of the fullness of the Lord emptying Himself	Phil. 2:6-8
	It was the pathway to glory	Heb. 2:10
	It is set in contrast to His glory	Acts 2:23-24
	It is the sentence of God in death to the old man in us	Rom. 6:5-7
	The cross utterly condemns anyone who presents another way of salvation	Gal. 2:20
	The cross alone has the power to make Jew and Gentile one	Eph. 2:16
	It is the measure of the Lord's obedience to God	Phil 2:8-11
	It is the measurement of His endurance despite the shame	Heb. 12:2
	The degree of the world's hatred and its estimation of the son of God,	Jn. 19:15
Aspects of The Death of The Lord:	Was a manifestation of not only the rejection of the truth, but also the rejecting of God.	Jn. 5:23; 13:20
	It was the intention of man, but not the act of man, the Lord gave His own life	Jn. 10:18
	It was the planned determination of "spiritual" leaders of Israel	Matt. 27:3-4
	In His spirit or soul level, it brought immeasurable grief to the Lord	Matt. 26:38
	His death found its groundwork in His fidelity and truthfulness	Mk. 14:55-65
	The cross was the method for His death but not the cause of it	Jn. 10:18

May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth. John 16:13