

Isaiah - Commentaries by Phillip R. Gladding

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Just a few brief thoughts and scriptures. When I saw the loaf on the table this morning. And brought before me. And it represented really two bodies. Now 9th and turn to a few scriptures which will make this very plain and simple. First of all, may be turned to Isaiah Chapter 9. Isaiah Chapter 9. And verse 6. For harm to us. A child is born. Unto us a son is given. The child was born in Bethlehem. The sun was from all eternity. I'll just read the rest of the verse. And the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God. The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Unto us a child is born may return to Hebrews 10. I believe there are 7 scriptures in connection with the Lorde body. 10th chapter of Hebrews. And verse 5. This seems to agree with the verse we've just read. And to us, a child is born. Verse 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world? He sent sacrifice and offering. There would us not but a body. A body hast thou prepared me? Here we have gone. The Father prepared him, a body prepared an incarnation. And body for the blessed Lord. The Son of God became the Son of man. In order that the sons of men might become the sons of God. So we find here a body was prepared for this Blessed One to come down here. To glorify his Father. And to redeem mankind. Here we have then a body. Hast thou prepared me? Repair the incarnation. Now the tenth verse, same chapter. By the which will I should read? Verse 9 then says he Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the 1st that he may establish the second by the which will. We are sanctified through the offering of the body. Through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Here we have that precious body which was prepared by God the Father for Him offered in sacrifice. And this body which was prepared for him, was the body in which he accomplished the will of God here on earth. It was in this body that he suffered for your sins and mine, beloved. Yes, in this same body. He hung up on the cross as the Sin Bearer. So this is a very solemn verse. The 10th verse by the which will we are sanctified or set apart through the offering of a body of Jesus Christ. A body offered in sacrifice for you and me. What matchless love. The thing that blessed 1 The eternal Son and God, the Babe born Bethlehem, should come down here and go to that cross. To do in the will of his father whatever it might cost him. To glorify His Father and to finish that great and mighty work of redemption for you and me. That we might be redeemed by His precious blood. That we might be brought into eternal blessing. And into eternal relationship with God the Father and his beloved Son, the.

So first of all, in verse five we have this body prepared in incarnation. The 10th verse of his body was offered in sacrifice and what a sacrifice. This was the only sacrifice God the Father could accept and delight in because it was a sacrifice and an offering of a sweet smelling savour to God the Father. The perfect burned offering, first of all. And the burnt offering is for God. So his first thought and object was to glorify his Father, which he did perfectly in every step of his pathway. And he also came to see and to say that which was lost. And now may we turn to the First Epistle to the Corinthians, Chapter 11. And verse 24. My brother read this this morning I believe. 1st Corinthians 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he break it and said, take, eat, this is my body. So that low thin on the table this morning represented. In the first aspect, the body of Christ. This is my body, which is broken for you. This too, in remembrance of Maine. What a precious privilege it was that you and I had to respond to his desire this morning. The brother remarked it could be the last occasion, and it well might. As things are, it looks as if the Lord might come this very day. So here we have this thought. I know it says in John 19. Is it John 19? A bone of him shall not be broken. That's true. But Can you imagine those cruel soldiers driving those awful nails through his blessed hands without breaking a bone? There are lots of bones in the hand. But not a bone should be broken. God said a bone of him shall not be broken. But we love it when we think of that broken flesh, He's broken body. Can we not say in the language of this verse? Or rather what he said. This is my body, which is broken for you. Honestly, is less assigned, not broken open. Were not his feet broken open with those rich and awful, wicked, cruel nails? I believe we can read it this way. But I do maintain the truth concerning the bones. A bone of him shall not be broken. And we read when the soldiers came to break the length of the 1st and the other, when they came to Jesus and found that he was dead already. They break not his legs. No, they couldn't do that. God would not permit it. He had sent a bone of him shall not be broken. And so they bypassed the blessed Lord. They did not break his legs. He was dead already. Well, here then, we find his body, shall we say, broken in judgment on the cross of Calvary, for you and for me. And they should solemnize our hearts, beloved, when we realize what the blessed Lord went through on the Cross of Calvary for us, we are reminded of that this morning. But when he suffered at the hands of wicked men. Nothing compared with what he suffered under the hand of a holy God. When men and Donnie's worst and could go no further. And therefore that awful judgment upon his blessed, devoted head. How solemnly thought, yet he was a sinless 1. We're reading this morning a wake of sword against my Shepherd. Why? Why against my shepherd? Away goes sword against my shepherd, against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of her. Smite the shepherd. Why smite the shepherd? He was the Good Shepherd, why should he be smitten? Well, beloved, he was either the shepherd or the sheep.

And serve them. Bless the Lord in his infinite love to us. Took our place. And was smitten that you and I might not be smitten for our sins. He was not smitten for his sins, but he was smitten for ours. He took our place. There on the cross of Calvary. Can we not read it this way? This is my body which is broken for you. Broken in judgment. Anniversary in John 19. Verse 40. 19 and 40 then took they the body of Jesus. And wounded in linen clothes with the spices. As the man of the Jews is to bury, then took they the body of Jesus. He will have his precious body in death. Buried in dense. Solemn this is, and blessed one who came down here to do the will of his Father, man said, We will not have this man to reign over us. Away with him, crucify him. And they did, but thank God they did not take his life. He can say they are phoned up. My father loved me because I laid down my life. I have part and land down. I have power to take it up again. No man take it from me. This commandment have I received of my father. Man did not take the life of Christ, He crucified him. But, dear friends, he plainly states himself. No man taketh it from me. I land down of myself. It was of his own voluntary will that he laid down his life. A sacrifice for you and for me there on the cross. So here we have this 40th verse of John 19, this precious body of Jesus buried in death. Now the 24th Chapter of loop. Verse 39. Luke, 24:39. He says, Behold my hands and my feet. That it is I myself. Handle me and see. Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself hear. His precious body was witnessed in resurrection. That same precious body which went into death is now witnessed in resurrection. John speaks of his hands on his side. I mean, he's yes his side. Here Luke speaks of his hands and his feet. Well, I suppose it's typical of John to

think of his side because he leaned upon Jesus bosom and occupied a near place for the heart of Christ. So he speaks of his sign? Yeah, she's a sign here. It's his hands and his feet. So in this verse then we find his body was witnessed in resurrection. Now Philippians chapter 3. And verse 21. Who shall change? I should read the latter part of verse 20, the Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall change our vile body? Body of humiliation, and it may be fashioned like under his glorious body. According to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. How wonderful. To see here his body glorified in the Ascension, and to think too, beloved, that you and I are going to have a glorified body too. Yes, we are very soon, maybe today. But here we find this blessed one, this body, it says fashion like under his glorious body. It's glorified in ascension. 1st Corinthians 11. And verse 29. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily.

Eateth and drink of damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. His bonding discerned and communion. But a solemn statement concerning those who do not discern his body. I knew of two young men who went to a church and when they came in they said this in my wives hearing and mine. We had a good drink this morning. We went up the front and had a good drink of wine. But a solemn thing for them to boast about. It says he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lords body. Here we have his body then discerned in communion. So the Lord Jesus really has two bodies, and they both represented in that loaf we had on the table this morning, His own body, of which we've been reading these various scriptures, and his body, the church Mystic body, two bodies in the one loaf. And these two bodies, beloved, they're going to be side by side throughout all eternity. This pleasant one, the Lord Jesus Christ. Coming these glorified body. Going to change on vile bodies or bodies of humiliation like under his own glorious body. So there will be two bodies, so to speak. His own body and his body, the church to be together throughout eternity. And that bright and happy scene above. In First Corinthians 12. And verse 12, verse 12 Says, For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of that one body being many are one body souls is Christ. For by 1 Spirit are we all baptized into one body. That's his church, which is his body. So that Loath then really represented 2 bodies this morning, Christo's own body, and his body in the Church of which every believer is a member. And we do not remember the Lord as sin is saved by grace, but as members of the body of Christ. I think this is very sweet and precious and it says in verse 27 Now ye are the body of Christ. And members in particular. Members in particular in our individual testimony for Christ in the world. I think there's a very striking verse. Members in particular. In other words, we have our own particular responsibility as a member of the body of Christ. But how precious to realize. Then that these two bodies are going to be side by side throughout all eternity, the one marred more than any man's. The other he's going to present himself without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, and it may take place today. Oh beloved, what a glorious hope we have to think that we're going to be exactly like our blessed Lord. He has his glorified body, and you and I are going to have ours very soon too. And so these two bodies, His body, the church and His own body are going to be together in that bright and happy scene about forever. Very beautiful. I suppose we can really say. I have to be careful how I put it, perhaps. Perhaps we can say the first body is the explanation of the 2nd. And the second is the outcome of the 1st. I believe that's right. But the thought occurred to me when I saw that big loaf on the table this morning. It represents 2 bodies, the body of Christ. It's high up on that cross which was prepared by God the Father for him to come down here and to do the Father's will. And to see in the save and last. But before he could do that, he had to go to the cross. And we've looked at those various scriptures in connection with his pathway from the time he was a Bay born in Bethlehem till he receives his glorified body in Ascension. Now he's up there and he's glorified body.

We sometimes sing On the Father's throne is seated Christ the Lord, the living One. That's where he is now, beloved. I was thinking in Matthew 3 and tells us that the heavens were opened to gaze upon that blessed man down here on earth. In Hebrews we find the heavens are open, that you and I might gaze upon that same man up there, as the apostle Paul says, but we see Jesus. Hebrews 2 button verse 9. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor. That he, by the grace of God, shall taste death for every man. So now in Matthew 3, often he was baptized, we find the heavens were opened upon this blessed One. Heaven was gazing upon that man down here on earth. Now the heavens are open that we might gaze upon that same man in heaven. Glorified, crowned with glory and honor, or how it should rejoice our hearts and know He is there no longer on the cross, no longer in the grave, but risen, ascended and glorified. Well, I just repeat again that one love brought these thoughts before me and it's very precious to realize that we are members of His body, the church. Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it. The question is very often asked as we know, what church do you belong to? Well, the only answer is what we just quoted in Ephesians 5. Christ loved the church, gave himself. One and every true believer is a member of that church, which is his body. Yes, it belongs to him. It's his body. The church belongs to Christ. He bought it with his own blood. Well, I trust. Your heart and mind might be encouraged by these few scriptures we read together to realize that at any moment we're going to receive our new body, glorified body, like unto His own body of glory, and be forever with Him and pride seen above, to thank Him and to praise Him throughout eternity for His infinite love and for all that He's accomplished. First of all, the glory of God and for our eternal blessings and salvation.

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