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MORE ON: ‘WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR REPAYMENT IN JUDGMENT IN VS. 6?’
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Bob had this section in his study last week with scriptural justification, Here is an interesting Rationale from C.H. Mackintosh:

FROM GOD’S SIDE:

- ‘For God so loved the world, that he Gave His only begotten Son.’
- He came in perfect love
- He was the brightness of God’s glory and the express image of His Person
- Yet, was a lowly, humble, gracious, social man
- He was seen from day to day about the streets, going from house to house; kind and affable to all
- Easily approached by the poorest; taking up little children in His arms, in the most gentle, winning and tender way;
- He went about His days on earth soothing the stricken and sorrowful of heart
- Feeding all the hungry, healing every sick who approached Him in faith, cleansing the lepers;
- Meeting every form of human need and misery; at the bidding of all who stood in need of succor and sympathy, ‘He went about doing good’



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FROM GOD'S SIDE: *(contin.)*

- The unwearied servant of man's necessities, He never thought of Himself, or sought His own interest in any one thing.
- He lived for others. It was His meat and drink to do the will of God and gladden the sad and weary hearts of the sons and daughters of men.
- His loving heart was ever flowing out in streams of blessing to all who felt the pressure of this sin-stricken sorrowful world.
- Here we have the marvelous fact before our eyes that the world has been Visited.
- The world has been trodden by the blessed One, the Creator, Sustainer of the universe, the lowly self-emptied and loving, gracious Son of Man
- He came in love, the perfect expression of God's love to rescue mankind who had sinned against God and deserved nothing but eternal perdition because of sin.
- He came not to crush, but to heal. Not to judge, but to save and bless



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NOW: FROM MAN’S SIDE:

- The world cast Him out
- The world wanted no part of Him
- They gave Him over to the Roman authorities without cause
- Not only that, it preferred a murderer, a robber in exchange for this holy, gracious, righteous man
- Pilate: *“Whom do you want me to release to you?”* - *“Not this man, but Barabbas”*, they said.
- This is the world we live in: the one guilty of this terrible act- and unless one repents about who Jesus Christ is and what He did, we are all part and parcel of the guilty world
- Unless saved, we lie under the full guilt of the act
- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are the four witnesses of the Terrible Act



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NOW: FROM MAN’S SIDE: (contin.)

- We must pronounce these four evangelists to be **false witnesses**, or admit that the world as a whole- and each constituent part thereof- is stained of the awful crime of crucifying the Lord of glory
- The world is not getting better, improving; nor is it getting any worse and declining; it crucified the Lord at one moment in time, and in God’s eyes, is stuck in that moment of time.

THEREFORE: THE DAY OF THE LORD WITH ALL OF IT’S DARKNESS, DESTRUCTION, WRATH AND DOOM-

- Is perfectly reasonable
- The world must account to God for the death of His son- for having nailed Him to the cross between two thieves
- What a Day of Reckoning it will be! How red will be the Day of Vengeance!
- How awfully crushing the moment in which God will draw the sword of judgment and avenge the death of His Son!
- How utterly vain is the notion that the world is ‘Improving’... ***Improving?*** Though stained with the blood of Jesus?
- What blind fatuity and wild folly is that the world is improving, or that we are to bring about the Kingdom.

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