

2.) MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY? Famous Last Words Series

45 From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. 46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"-which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:45-46)

I. THE WHYS OF LIFE

A. Easy Answers For Hard Times:

- It's YOUR fault!?
- It's SATAN'S attack!?
- It's GOD'S will!?

9 For we know in part... 12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. (1 Corinthians 13:9,12)

II. THE FATHER'S PART OF THE STORY

A. The Father forsook Jesus because Jesus became SIN.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Your [God's] eyes are too pure to look on evil; you [God] cannot tolerate wrong. (Habakkuk 1:13)

B. The Son was forsaken so we could be FORGIVEN.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

1. God is holy and will not tolerate sin.
2. God is just and will judge sin where it is found.
3. God is love and devised a way that justice would be satisfied and forgiveness made available.

5 ...God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." 6 So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6)