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### Soul-mollifying

(Thomas Brooks, "Heaven on Earth" 1667)

Saving faith is soul-softening, it is soul-mollifying.  
Peter believes soundly--and weeps bitterly.  
Mary Magdalene believes much--and weeps much.

Faith sets . . .

a wounded Christ,  
a bruised Christ,  
a despised Christ,  
a pierced Christ,  
a bleeding Christ

--before the soul, and this makes the soul sit down  
and weep bitterly: "They will look on Me whom they  
have pierced and mourn for Him (all gospel-mourning  
flows from believing), as for an only son. They will  
grieve bitterly for Him as for a firstborn son who has  
died." Zechariah 12:10.

Oh! the sight of those wounds which their sins have  
made--will wound their hearts through and through!  
It will make them lament over Christ with a bitter  
lamentation. Ah! nothing will kindly, sweetly, and  
effectually break the hardened heart of a sinner,  
but faith's beholding the blood of Christ trickling  
down His sides!

That Christ should love man when he was most unlovely;  
that man's extreme misery should but inflame Christ's  
affections of love and mercy--this melts the believing soul.

That Christ should leave the eternal bosom of His Father;  
that He who was equal with God--should come in the form  
of a servant; that He who was clothed with glory--should  
be wrapped in rags; that He whom the heaven of heavens  
could not contain--should be cradled in a manger; that from  
His cradle to His cross--His whole life should be a life of  
sorrows and sufferings; that the Judge of all flesh should  
be condemned; that the Lord of life should be put to death;  
that He who was His Father's joy--should in anguish of spirit  
cry out, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' that  
that head which was crowned with honor--should be crowned  
with thorns; that those eyes which were as a flame of fire,  
which were clearer than the sun--should be closed up by the  
darkness of death; that those ears which were used to hear  
nothing but hallelujahs--should hear nothing but blasphemies;  
that that face which was white and ruddy--should be spit upon  
by the beastly Jews; that that tongue which spoke as never  
any man spoke, yes, as never any angel spoke--should be

accused of blasphemy; that those hands which swayed both a golden scepter and an iron rod, and those feet which were as fine brass--should be nailed to the cross--and all this for man's transgression, for man's rebellion! Oh! the sight of these things, the believing of these things, makes a gracious soul to break and bleed, to sigh and groan, to mourn and lament!

True faith is a heart-breaking, a heart-melting faith.

**Re: Soul-mollifying -brooks - posted by enid, on: 2006/9/22 3:25**

'For He made Him who knew no sin, to become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him'. (2 C or 5v21)

Our hearts should be broken and sobbing at a holy God taking our place on the cross.

To say we are ungrateful would be an understatement. We treat it as nothing.

The cross was to save us from the penalty of an eternal hell and suffering.

Yet, in our careless, lax, could-not-care-less 'christianity' that we have, the cross is meaningless.

Are our hearts broken? If not, do you expect sinners to be heart broken when we proclaim the claims of Christ to them? Nothing for nothing.

God bless.