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(Brooks, "The Golden Key to Open Hidden Treasures")

"He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed."
Isaiah 53:5

Our sins were the cause of Christ's sufferings!

It was our transgressions which gave Christ His deadly wounds! It was our sins which smote Him, and bruised Him! Every Christian may look upon Christ and say, "I was that Judas who betrayed You! I was that soldier who murdered You! It was my sins which brought all those sorrows, and sufferings, and evils upon You!
I have sinned--and You have suffered!
I have sinned--and You have died!
I have wounded You--and You have healed me!"

Oh, that we might look upon . . .
a humble Christ--with a humble heart,
a broken Christ--with a broken heart,
a bleeding Christ--with a bleeding heart,
a wounded Christ--with a wounded heart!

"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree;
by His wounds you have been healed." 1 Pet. 2:24

Here you see that the physician's blood became the sick man's salve! Here is the gospel mystery--that the wounding of one, should be the cure of another!

Oh, what an odious thing is sin to God--that He will pardon none without blood, yes, without the precious blood of His dearest Son! Oh, what a hell of wickedness must there be in sin--that nothing can expiate it but the best, the purest, the noblest blood of Christ! Oh, what a transcendent evil must sin be--that nothing can purge it away but death--the accursed death of the cross! Oh, what a leprosy is sin--that it must have blood, yes, the blood of God, to take it away!