Consider HIM

“For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.”
Hebrews 12:3

When men of renown pass from this world, much attention is given to their lives and their successes. There is much fascination with how they spent their last days, said their farewells, and how they want to be remembered. How much time, praise, and consideration is given to mere mortals who are but dust, and whose end is to return to dust! How often have we stood and stared at a little whirlwind on a hot dusty day in the summer, that moves along picking up leaves, dust, and dirt, spinning its way on a path for awhile and then dying down to nothing. We gaze in amazement at something that moves at the will and direction of the LORD, and is but for a brief moment, then passes.

If we are taken up with these earthly matters, how much more should we consider HIM, who is no mere mortal, but God in the flesh, I Timothy 3:16. Often in reviewing and remembering the lives of mere mortals, much attention is given to their struggles, failures, and difficulties before they became rich and famous. Yet, all of that pales in comparison to what the LORD Jesus Christ endured in the flesh, and the price that He paid in His life and death, in order to satisfy law and justice for those sinners that the Father gave Him from eternity.

Whenever we become wearied and would faint in our minds, even over the opposition and hardness of men’s hearts with regard to the truth, the Gospel, or the Doctrine of Christ, let us remember how HE endured the contradiction of sinners against Himself. And yet through it all, He was submitted to the will of His Father, never wavering from the cross, and fulfilling all that the Father purposed that He might be the Just Justifier of His people. Peter declared of Him, ‘Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain,’ Acts 2:23.

Consider HIM, who through the contradiction of sinners, even the rebellion of our own hearts, yet loves His own unto the end, unconditionally, and paid their sin debt in spite of them, Romans 5:9-11. Consider HIM, the Savior of sinners who saves for His own name sake!

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