

Germany

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And stained you.**

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Crying out louder than the blood of Abel.
The agony pierces my soul – another Calvary.**

**Yet at Calvary my blood
Ran deeper, my agony was greater,
My pain almost unbearable – greater than even the stain of your land.**

**Healing is there for you.
Healing of the pain and the stain of the land.
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outward to other lands.
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**But to release the healing stream you must go deeper into my sacrifice,
breaking your hearts before me on repentance.**

**Then my voice will be heard- a new powerful and clear voice, calling to
the Nations:- “Come to Germany, and I will heal your lands.”**

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I have visited Auschwitz four times in my life, and it is place which never fails to frighten and disturb me. I suppose, like the millions who visit there, I just can't imagine the minds of those which could plan, allow and delight in such a facility. But Auschwitz is just a small tributary of the river of filth which flowed through Germany and out to Treblinka, Sobibor, Belsac,(Poland) Janowska, (Ukraine) Sereb, (Slovakia) Mauthausen, (Austria) Theresienstadt, (Czech Republic) Natzweiler, (France) Westerbork, (Netherlands) Kaiserwald, (Latvia) and many more – thousands more.

The land - Germany and all of Europe, was stained with the blood of the innocent. The Bible makes clear what a big problem this is:-

“Do not pollute the land where you are. Bloodshed pollutes the land, and atonement cannot be made for the land on which blood has been shed, except by the blood of the one who shed it. (Numbers 35:33)

The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.” (Gen 4:10)

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.(Hebs 9:22)

Germany suffering

You stripped me
Raped me
Thrust a knife into my womb
So I could have no children.

I fell on the ground
Unloved and unlovely.

My blood ran into the gutter
But you didn't care.
You went and raped another and another and another.

You could not see
In all of this
That the sword pierced your own heart also

The blood of all your victims
Has stained you.

Now you too are raped and beaten
Your blood runs in the gutter.

Together we lay here.

Who can heal us?

***The land is in pain
Crying out louder than the blood of Abel.
The agony pierces my soul – another Calvary.***

We, in the West, have mostly lost the concept of “the land.” For us, it is just something to build on, to grow food on or to live on. Other cultures have not made this mistake. In Africa we have a real appreciation of the land. We know its value to us as a provider of food and water. It is something to be cherished, valued and cared for, almost as though it has a personality of its own. The same feeling exists in Iceland. In that country, the land is still being formed and changed by volcanic activity. The Icelandic people have had to learn to respect the land, to live in harmony with it, and to accept that it has the power to change their way of living.

The land which makes up Germany is precious, given to us by God, to be valued, cared for and used for the common good. According to this word, the land is in agony. It cries out louder than it did for the blood of Cain. It feels the pain of all the agony poured onto it by events of the past. Standing in the crematorium of Auschwitz, it is almost impossible for the human spirit to grasp the enormity of the blood shed in that place. All this spilt blood has brought agony to the land, to the soul of Germany.

Where does this pain go? Where is it felt? This is I think, is a greater sadness than all the blood shed. The pain and agony rests now in the heart of Jesus, who endured pain worse than all that happened in Germany, so that we might be free. Blood has to be shed (Hebs.9:22) The blood of Jesus was shed to cleanse us of all this pain, yet Germany is not yet free. That land cries in agony, and Jesus cries in agony too, an agony almost worse than Calvary. “The agony pierces my soul.”

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Sometimes it seems that the damage is so great, the need for cleansing so enormous, that there’s no point in carrying on. Without the sacrifice of Jesus, there would be no point in carrying on. Yet at Calvary, his blood ran deeper than the stain on the land of Germany. His agony was greater than all that was poured out in Germany. There is hope because Jesus touched a darkness deeper than anyone in creation will ever know. That is why there is hope. In this hope, however, there is a terrifying challenge - we have to be willing to enter that agony, feel it, share it, be bowed down by it, so that we can be the ones through whom the river of healing can flow. We have to enter deeper into the sacrifice than we have ever done before – it might even cost us our lives. It is this kind of prayer, this kind of sacrifice, in response to his sacrifice, which he is now looking for.

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There is healing in the blood of Jesus, waiting to be released.

At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." (John 8:1-11)

This woman was stained with sin – stained physically by the penetration of her adultery, stained emotionally with sin and guilt, and now stained publically. When she was dragged before Jesus, she must have thought that her guilt was going to be her destruction. Yet, unknown to her, healing was there. (And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick. Lk. 5:17) Healing is available for Germany. The land can be healed. The pain, and the stain of sin can be removed, because this is the heart of Jesus.

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Here we begin to see the compassion and love which the Lord has for Germany. He wants to heal, so that Germany, a land which has brought untold suffering to the world for so many years, can be healed. But not just healed. The Lord wants to take Germany, and heal the lands around. Jesus takes those who have been overwhelmed by the enemy, heals them, and uses them. The Lord is calling to Germany. He is saying:-

"Let me heal you, let me use you. This is your destiny, not what you have become but what you can become."

But to release the healing stream you must go deeper into my sacrifice, breaking your hearts before me in repentance.

Here is the painful heart of the issue. Do we want the healing stream to flow? Jesus does, as he has made clear: - "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matt26:38) Are we willing to respond? If we are, then we will have to enter deeper into his sacrifice.

*** We will have to enter with our hearts and emotions, and this will be very painful.**

*** We will have enter the darkness of Gethsemane, where even Jesus cried out "Take this cup from me."(Matt 26:39)**

*** Enter into the heart of his suffering, to see the suffering through God's eyes, and feel the suffering through God's heart.**

*** We will be made to understand the damage the shed blood has done.**

*** We will have to enter into Calvary, and then plead the blood over the land and into the land.**

And then we will have to repent.