

The Broken Rose (David Tack- March 16, 2013)

On the cold wooden table top a flower of tremendous beauty; though crushed, it permeates it's splendor upon a rather drear and dismal environment. Another day of drudgery faces the men who have avowed to provide needful law and order within the community of its citizens. The old cliché of no news is good news is painfully true in a profession that frequently deals with miseries and misfortunes. Right behind the flower of beauty is a dear friend; his stare is mysteriously affixed somewhere into a wondering region of thought! The beautiful flower is beckoning me to move. The flower, a symbol of the Rose of Sharon (Jesus Christ), is a root from which the well of reconciliation flows. The Rose, the provisional crimson sacrifice, broken for the sins of humanity, speaks volumes of our God's love for each and every one of us.

I rise from my seat as I am awed by such an idea. Tentatively, I reach for the battered; yet, exquisite flower and gently encompass, in mind and palm, its unparalleled beauty. Soberly, I lay this precious flower before my dear mystified friend and tell him; this flower reminds me of Jesus, the Rose of Sharon; that was broken for you and for me! Our dear precious Lord, a beauty beyond was delivered before the press of horrific wrath. This is the symbol of the sacrificial offering from a true and loving God in verity. The astonishing fact is that the Rose of Sharon, the flower of Divinity; after it's times of brokenness, has resurrected and illuminates the indescribable portals of the heavenly throne. The Rose is a provisional Advocate to those who accept the unmerited gift of grace through the immeasurable death, burial, and resurrection of the Him (Jesus Christ). My, oh my, such an enormous gift from God!

My friend, perhaps today God has asked you to share a similar truth with a friend in need? Perhaps, they are in dire needfulness to hear of this Savior who can brighten their eternal abode with effulgent beauty beyond mankind's comprehension. The questions set before you today are: (1) do you know/see the Rose of Sharon? Yes, then, (2) will you rise, (3) reach, (4) grasp, and (5) share this resurrected Rose today?

In honor of a dear friend, and encourager to myself and many others: Dr. Cecil B. Currey.