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30 Jesus Proclaimed Three Ways (*Clamauit Jesus tripliciter*)

Jesus proclaimed in three ways. First, standing in the temple, John 8[:2, 20]: Second, before Lazarus, John 11[:43]: Third, hanging on the cross, Matt. 27[:40, 42]. The first cry was for instructing wisdom against our ignorance. The second was for the power of alleviating against our misery. The third was for easing clemency against our fault.

¶ Man cries out in multiple ways. First, in detesting evil just as one’s neighbor cries out against fire and thieves. Thus, the preacher proclaims against the fire of hell and against sins which are plunderers of virtues, Isai. 58[:1]: “Cry, cease not.” Behold what ought to be preached frequently, [Isai. 40:9]: “Lift up your voice with strength.” Behold what strongly [is to be proclaimed] because by word and example, [Isai. 58:1]: “Show my people their wicked doings.” Behold what is to be proclaimed usefully, Isai. 33[:7]: “Behold they that see shall cry without.” Isai. 40[:6]: “Cry. What shall I cry? All flesh is grass.”

Second, that we ought to lean toward the good both of life and the fatherland,

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just as it is proclaimed at the door of the tavern, Isai. 40[:3]: “The voice of one crying in the desert.” Jer. 2[:2]: “Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem.” However, the penitent cries to the Lord for admonishing the evil of their fault, sometimes in confession, sometimes in prayer, just as the sick person to the physician, Lev. 13[:44-45]: “Whosoever shall be defiled with the leprosy, he shall cry out that he is defiled.” Second, for suffering the evil of pain, Psal. [119:1]: “In my trouble I cried to the Lord,” etc. And so, the dog cries out while he is beaten. But for nothing in hell it is shouted, like the wolf captured in the shackles, Isai. 65[:14]: “Behold my servants shall rejoice, you shall cry for sorrow,” etc.

¶ Also, a man proclaims for the good of grace bestowed, for giving thanks, Matt. 21[:9]: “The multitudes that went before cried,” etc. Psal. [56:3]: “I will cry to the Lord who has done good to me,” etc.

¶ And note that the cry arises specially for the gravity of four kinds of sins, namely, for homicide, Gen. 4[:10]: “The voice of your brother's blood cries to me.” Second, for sodomy, Gen. 18[:20-21]: “The cry of Sodom,” etc. Third, for the oppression of the just poor, Exod. 2[:23]: “Their cry went up unto God.” Fourth, for the defrauding the hire of the workers, James, the last chapter [5:4]: “Behold the hire of your laborers,” etc.