



Rooted in God's GREAT Salvation

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THE SALVATION OF THE LORD

"He whose life is one smooth path, will see little of the glory of the Lord, for he has few occasions of self-emptying, and so, has little fitness for being filled with the revelation of God. Those who navigate little streams and shallow creeks, know little of the God of tempests; but those who do "business in great waters" (Psalm 107:23) these see His wonders in the deep. Among the huge Atlantic waves of bereavement, poverty, temptation, and reproach, we learn the power of Jehovah, because we feel the littleness of man. Thank God then, if you have been led by a rough road: it is this which has given you your experience of God's greatness and loving kindness." C H Spurgeon

Reflection: What does the word "salvation" mean to you?

Definition:

- Preservation or deliverance from destruction
- Deliverance from the power or penalty of sin; redemption

It is when all is lost humanly speaking, no hope, no light in the darkness, it is then that we really understand the meaning of "salvation".

The Lord is our Salvation:

- Saving us from sin and death
- Saving us in trials and circumstances
- Saving us from ourselves and our brokenness
- Pointing us to God's glory

Three incidents in the Bible which illustrate the magnitude and force of the expression “the salvation of God.”

1. Deliverance at the Red Sea - Moses

Read Exodus 6:2-9; 14:9-14

And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, **stand still, and see the salvation (deliverance) of the Lord**, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.” **Exodus 14:13-14**

In Exodus 14 the children of Israel were under intense pressure. They were surrounded on every side by what seemed insurmountable difficulties. The Red Sea was in front of them, the mountains around them, and Pharaoh’s army was behind them. They were “shut up” in every way. The situation was hopeless as far as they were concerned. The case was desperate and so they were able to understand and appreciate those words of Moses “**Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord**”.

“Fear Not, Stand Still” - or stand firm, without fleeing.

Hebrew - “Make yourselves stand still.”

So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of Israel, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. **Exodus 14:30**

Moses' Song of Triumph – Exodus 15

The Lord *is* my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He *is* my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him.

Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers (captains) are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.

The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword, and my hand will destroy them.'¹⁰ But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Fear and dread will fall on them; **By the greatness of Your arm, they will be as still as a stone, till Your people pass over, O Lord, till the people pass over Whom You have purchased.**

¹⁷You will bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, *In* the place, O Lord, *which* You have made for Your own dwelling, The sanctuary, O Lord, *which* Your hands have established.

Exodus 15:2, 4-5, 9-10, 16-17

2. Jehoshaphat's Battle and Victory

Read 2 Chronicles 20

You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, **stand still and see the salvation of the Lord** Who is with you, O Judah, and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed. Tomorrow, go out against them, for the Lord is with you. **2 Chronicles 20:17**

In 2 Chronicles 20 we see king Jehoshaphat surrounded with overwhelming opposition, in the presence of which he had to admit that "he had no might" - no power or strength to overcome the opposition. What was the word to him? The same as it was to Israel in Exodus 14, "**stand still and see the salvation of the Lord**"

- When God is moving, our proper attitude is to stand still and to worship.

"What we really need to do is to come to the end of ourselves and all our own busy activities in order that God may fill us with the knowledge of His great salvation – this is the deep and precious secret of peace and blessing in every circumstance and situation. "

*"Do we really want to be truly happy in God's salvation? Then let us stop our own restless efforts and rest in what He has done for us. It is when we are really brought to cry from the very depths of our souls as Jehoshaphat "no might!" that God's answer falls with clarity and power on our ears "**stand still and see the salvation of God.**"*

“FAITH CAN HEAR THE FOOTSTEPS OF SALVATION BECAUSE SHE HAS LEARNED TO BE SILENT.” C H Spurgeon

- **Be silent and wait for His salvation alone.**

We can only do so much preparation for a storm – but we cannot control the storm, redirect the storm, or stop the storm – so we pray to the only One who can. And while we wait, we wait patiently, courageously, and quietly – trusting in God’s salvation.

Our soul waits for the Lord; He *is* our help and our shield.

Psalm 33:20

Truly my soul silently *waits* for God; **From Him comes my salvation. He only *is* my rock and my salvation; He *is* my defense;** I shall not be moved. **Psalm 62:1-2**

My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation *is* from Him. He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *He is* my defense; I shall not be moved. **Psalm 62:5-6**

For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: ***“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.”*** But you would not **Isaiah 30:15**

¹⁶ And you said, “No, for we will flee on horses” —Therefore you shall flee! and “We will ride on swift *horses*” —Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift!

¹⁷ One thousand *shall flee* at the threat of one, At the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left as a pole (a tree stripped of branches) on top of a mountain and as a banner on a hill.

¹⁸ Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord *is* a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him. **Isaiah 30:16-18**

3. Jonah in The Whale

Jonah did not wait for the Lord. He ran from His will in the opposite direction, relying on his own strength and reasoning.

Read Jonah 1 and 2:1-9

Jonah with weeds wrapped about his head, tumbling around in the belly of hell, admits all hope is gone with no human hand to reach him, and all the result of his own disobedience.

What are the words that he cries from that awful belly of the whale?
“Salvation is of the Lord.” Jonah 2:9

- ***It does not matter what the difficulties may be, or how far gone we may be in our helpless state, it still holds good - “salvation is of the Lord.”***

Jonah's experience gives us a vivid illustration of this. He brought all the trouble and sorrow on himself. If he had not been willful, if he had given himself to the will of the Lord, if he had gone where God had told him to go, he would never have found himself in the whale's belly. But like we can all do - he chose his own way and found himself plunged into the very depths of despair.

Still, God will be God despite all our willfulness and foolishness, and the very moment Jonah spoke these words *“salvation is of the Lord”* we read that *“the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land”* **Jonah 2:10.**

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the Earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pitied His children so the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame He remembers we are dust.

Psalm 103:10-13

How do we pray in trouble?

The proper way for ... man to pray,"
Said Deacon Lemuel Keyes,
"... The only proper attitude
Is down upon his knees."

"No, I should say the way to pray,"
Said Rev. Dr. Wise,
"Is standing straight with outstretched arms
[With] rapt and upturned eyes."

"Oh, no; no, no," said Elder [Snow];
"Such posture is too proud:
A man should pray with eyes fast closed
And head contritely bowed."

"It seems to me his hands should be
Austerely clasped in front,
With both thumbs pointing [to] the ground,"
Said Rev. Dr. Blunt.

"Las' year I fell in Hodgkin's well
Headfirst," said [Cyril] Brown,
"With both my heels a-stickin' up,
My head a-[pointing] down;

"An' I [done prayed] right [there] an' then—
Best prayer I ever said,
The prayingest prayer I ever prayed,
A-standin' on my head."

(Quoted from Alistair Begg, Pastor, and Writer)

ROOTED IN GOD'S GREAT SALVATION and PLANTED AS TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that He may be glorified. **Isaiah 61:3b**

The Old Testament Messianic prophecies for salvation (Isaiah 53, 61) are fulfilled in Jesus – Immanuel – “God with us” (Matthew 1:23)

- **Salvation is not only for our deliverance, but to bring God glory.**
- **Salvation in the New Testament**
 - Past - Justification, Redemption and Reconciliation
 - Present - Sanctification – ongoing work of the Spirit in our lives
 - Future - Glorification – we will experience resurrected bodies complete in Him.
- **Salvation is the reason Jesus came:**

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” **Matthew 1:21**

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. **Luke 19:10**

and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem **Luke 24:47**

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. **Acts 4:12**

Therefore, having been justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **Romans 5:1-2**

³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. **Romans 5:3-5**

For when we were still without strength, (without power, helpless) in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. **Romans 5:6-10**

- **The Cross is central to God's Great Salvation.**

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. **Hebrews 2:10**

Therefore, He is also able to save to the uttermost (completely) those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. **Hebrews 7:25**

The devil is doing everything he can to deceive people. We must know the rock on which we stand. Christ alone is our salvation. He alone is the hope for the world for He is our living Hope.

- **Our Identity is rooted in God's Great Salvation**

No matter what lies, condemnation, accusation, shame or guilt the enemy uses against us, we have a new identity.

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Everything we believe about ourselves, and how we live, should be rooted in this new identity which is rooted in God's great salvation. We were bought at a price.

knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. **1 Peter 1:18-19**

- **Our eternal security is rooted in God's Great Salvation through Jesus Christ.**

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow, Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. **John 10:27-29**

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the **purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.** **Ephesians 1:13-15**

“Once a person has laid hold of this salvation, they can never lose it. All the rage of hell, all the powers on earth, all the crafty wiles of Satan, could not rob the truly saved soul of God's salvation. Let no one ever persuade you to think that a truly divinely saved soul can ever be lost. This would be an absolute dishonor to God. It would tarnish His glory if one whom He had truly saved could ever perish.”

- **The Blessings of being rooted in God's Great Salvation**

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² **that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory**.

Ephesians 1:1-12

Waiting on God's Great Salvation – Cocoon Seasons

I can only genuinely love others with patience and understanding when I have a deeper revelation and appreciation of the great salvation shown to me through the grace of God in His great love for me through Jesus Christ.

It is often in the dark seasons, the storms, and trials that He shows us there is no good thing in and of ourselves. No matter how hard we want to believe that we have our own goodness, if squeezed hard enough, we will see our ugly responses, our fears, our frustrations which remind us we are far from being like Jesus.

So let our prayer in the trials be directed to Him, so that His love will touch our hearts, transform us and set it on fire with His love to become more like Him, loving others as He loves us.

Reflection:

- What are you going through that feels unsurmountable, or a storm or a situation causing you to feel ashamed, angry, shaken, resentful, anxious, fearful, doubtful, carrying hidden unbelief?
- Are you overwhelmed with exhaustion, frustration, sadness, grief, trusting in your own resources, fear of finances, the economy, politics, family pressures, work related issues, confusion about your direction, health, disobedience, rebellion, trusting in your own strength?

- **Fear Not – Stand Still** – Let not your hearts fail, or sink or stagger, through unbelief, but with quiet minds look up to God.

“Let not your hearts be troubled.” Sean Hannity on Fox News may say this, but he does not finish the sentence...

“Let not your hearts be troubled you believe in God, believe also in Me...I am the way the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father except through Me.” **John 14:1-6.**

“Peace, I leave with you. My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” **John 15:27**

- Jesus’ peace does not come from the world. His help comes from above, His salvation in our trouble comes from above. Nothing in this world can give us peace except that which is from God.
- And when we have that peace Jesus says – “***don’t let*** your heart be troubled or afraid.” That means we can have some control over our emotions and thoughts. We can choose not to let our hearts be troubled by believing in God, waiting on Him.

- **A plea for mercy**

Apart from Christ, we have no value that merits God’s favor.

When driven to a point of despair or destruction, your unworthiness before God often becomes more apparent, motivating you to cry out to Him for mercy.

It is of the LORD’s mercies that we are not consumed, because HIS compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. **Lamentations 3:22–23.**

Your cry to God acknowledges God’s ability to do what no one else can do.

- **In Desperation**

Crying out to God is an admission of one's coming to the end of self and placing hope in God alone.

In my distress I called upon the LORD and cried unto my God: HE heard my voice out of HIS temple, and my cry came before HIM, even into HIS ears. **Psalm 18:6.**

- **An Invitation from the Living God**

"Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." **Psalm 50:15**

As children of the living God, our Heavenly Father appeals to us to cry out to Him for deliverance. Let us be quick to cry out to Him in humility, sincerity, surrender, and faith. He is able to save to the uttermost. He will be glorified in delivering us.

God *"will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: He also will hear their cry and will save them"* **Psalm 145:19.**

Crying out in prayer is not a way of "twisting God's arm," nor is it a method to be employed to get more results than "regular" praying. You do not need to assume a special position of prayer or say certain words.

Crying out involves fervent, wholehearted prayer, not just routine recitations. It might be public, but not necessarily. It might be loud, but not necessarily. Crying out simply involves intense prayer unto a Heavenly Father who loves to have His children call upon Him in their times of need.

This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles. **Psalm 34:6**

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles **Psalm 34:17**

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. **Jeremiah 29:12–13.**

- **Rooted in God's Great Salvation in the Storms of life.**

Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord. ⁶For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in a salt land which is not inhabited.* **Jeremiah 17:5-6**

⁷**Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord.** ⁸For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green and will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. **Jeremiah 17:5-8**

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. **Psalms 1:1-3 NLT**

- **Build on the ROCK of GOD'S Great Salvation**

²⁴“Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

²⁶“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” **Matthew 7:24-27**

Salvation:

- God's intervention in grace and mercy on man's behalf.
- Deliverance by God's own hand when all hope is gone.
- Salvation meets every situation and circumstance in our earthly journey and guarantees us a safe path to our heavenly home.
- It is not merely a salvation for our needs but a salvation worthy of God. It is not only that we are perfectly saved, but God is perfectly glorified.

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