

JESUS IS SALVATION | EPISODE 7

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SESSION 1: GOD IS OUR SALVATION

Every one of you has a sense that you need a salvation, and you each have an idea of what you need to be saved from. For some of you its financial turmoil, emotional distress, addiction, a broken family, a terrible home situation, a life-threatening sickness, depression or suicidal thoughts.

And, many of you would agree what Scripture teaches, which is that we need to be saved from something that transcends this material, physical reality and temporary world. You know our real issue is spiritual and eternal in nature. Its sin and eternal darkness that we need to be saved from. Its death.

Within every one of us is this innate sense that we need a kind of salvation that comes from outside ourselves. What you're really looking for is Jesus, the One whom Scripture says IS our salvation.

But, what does it mean that a person IS our salvation? How does that make any kind of rational sense?

OLD TESTAMENT SALVATION: WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

THE FIRST PROMISES OF SALVATION:

*Genesis 3:15 - I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."*

*Genesis 49:18 I wait **for your salvation**, O LORD.*

GOD IS OUR SALVATION:

Isaiah 12:2 Behold, **God is my salvation;**
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

Psalms 27:1 **The LORD is my light and my salvation;** whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Exodus 15:2 The LORD is my strength and my song, and **he has become my salvation;** this is my God, and I will praise him,

Isaiah 33:2 -

Isaiah 17:10 -

Psalms 35:3 Draw the spear and javelin
against my pursuers! Say to my soul,
"I am your salvation!"

GOD IS OUR SAVIOR:

2 Samuel 22:2-3 - He said, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and **the horn of my salvation,** my stronghold and my refuge, **my savior;** you save me from violence.

Isaiah 43:11 - I, I am the LORD, and **besides me there is no savior.**

GOD BRINGS SALVATION FROM ENEMIES (MAINLY DEATH):

Exodus 14:13-14 And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and **see the salvation of the LORD,** which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.

Acts 7:25 He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was **giving them salvation** by his hand, but they did not understand.
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

1 Samuel 11:13 But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today **the LORD has worked salvation** in Israel."

SALVATION COMES OUT OF ZION:

Psalms 14:7 Oh, that **salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!**
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad

*Isaiah 46:13 I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off,
and my salvation will not delay;
I will put salvation in Zion,
for Israel my glory."*

MAN'S SALVATION IS VAIN:

*Psalm 60:11-12 Oh, grant us help against the foe, for **vain is the salvation of man!** With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.*

SESSION 1: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and think about what "salvation" really is.

SESSION 1: GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What comes to mind for you when you here the word "salvation?"
 2. What does it mean to "wait for God's salvation" and "look to Him as our Savior?"
 3. 2 Samuel 22:2-3 gives us several metaphorical images of God's salvation. What images do you notice in this passage, and what do they all have in common?
 4. Besides God's salvation, what else do these images communicate to us about the kind of salvation God offers us?
 5. Exodus 14:13-14 shows us a very clear picture of how God saves His people. What does this reveal to us about how God saves? (Consider the role of God vs. the role of the people)
 6. How should God's free gift of salvation shape our community and the way we treat each other? [Think about how you feel and act when you receive a free gift]
 7. How have you seen God work salvation in your own personal life and community?
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SESSION 2: ASPECTS OF SALVATION

*Psalm 119:81 My soul longs for **your salvation**; I hope in **your word**.*

*Psalm 119:23 My eyes long for **your salvation** and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise.*

JONAH A PICTURE OF SALVATION:

Jonah 2:1-9

SALVATION FOR THOSE WHO FEAR GOD:

*Psalm 85:9 Surely his **salvation is near to those who fear him**, that glory may dwell in our land.*

*Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall **be saved**. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.*

JESUS THE SOURCE OF SALVATION:

*Hebrews 5:9-10 And being made perfect, he became **the source of eternal salvation** to all who **obey him**, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.*

*Psalm 62:1-2 For God alone my soul waits in silence; **from him comes my salvation**. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken*

*1 Peter 1:10-11 **Concerning this salvation**, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.*

SESSION 2: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and think about what kind of salvation God most often provides and how He does it.

SESSION 2: GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What does it look like to enjoy God's free gift of salvation on a daily basis? How should we act, think, speak etc?
 2. We are all on a journey of understanding God's salvation more each day. How have you seen your own understanding of salvation change over the course of your life? [Think of how you used to treat God and His free gift]
 3. Psalm 85:9 says that God's salvation is for those who fear God. What does it mean to fear God? And, why is God's salvation only for those who fear Him?
 4. 1 Peter 1:10-11 says that the Old Testament prophesies of our salvation in Jesus. Can you think of any old testament prophecies or prophetic images of our salvation? Talk about it.
 5. Read Psalm 85:9 and think about why it speaks of glory dwelling in the land. Why does the Psalmist mention "glory" when he speaks of salvation and those who fear God? What might be a possible connection? (Consider what glory is and what he's speaking of)
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SESSION 3: JESUS IS SALVATION

Luke 1:69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, [2 Samuel 22:2-3]

*Luke 2:30-32 for my eyes have seen your **salvation that you have prepared** in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for **glory to your people Israel**. [Psalm 27:1]*

*Luke 3:6 and all flesh shall **see the salvation of God.**" [Exodus 14:13-14]*

*John 4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for **salvation is from the Jews**. [Psalm 14:7 Isaiah 46:13]*

*Acts 4:12 And there is **salvation in no one else**, for there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved [Isaiah 43:11]*

Acts 13:23 Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised [2 Samuel 22:2-3]

*Acts 16:17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to **you the way of salvation.**" [Joel 2:32]*

Titus 2:11 For **the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation** for all people,

Luke 19:9-10 And Jesus said to him, "Today **salvation has come to this house**, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Revelation 7:9-10 - After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "**Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**"

CLOTHED WITH SALVATION:

Ephesians 6:17 and take **the helmet of salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

1 Thessalonians 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and **for a helmet the hope of salvation**

2 Chronicles 6:41 And now arise, O LORD God, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. Let your priests, O LORD God, **be clothed with salvation**, and let your saints rejoice in your goodness.

Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me **with the garments of salvation**; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness

Isaiah 59:17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and **a helmet of salvation on his head**; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak

PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS OF SALVATION

2 Corinthians 7:10 For godly grief produces a repentance **that leads to salvation** without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death

Ephesians 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and **believed in him**, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to **inherit salvation**?

SESSION 3: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and think about how God gives us salvation and what it means for us to enjoy our salvation in Jesus.

SESSION 3: GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean that Jesus "is our salvation?" How have you seen this play out in your life?
2. How have you been growing in your understanding of your beautiful salvation from God?
3. In Luke 2:30-32, Simeon refers to Jesus as God's salvation and glory. Why does Simeon combine these two ideas in his mind? How might they be connected?
4. In Luke 19:9-10, Jesus tells Zacchaeus that salvation has come to his home. What did Jesus mean? And, what did Zacchaeus **do** to cause Jesus say this (if anything)?
5. How do we practically put on the "helmet of salvation?" Why is salvation viewed as a helmet?
6. Some people are not secure in their salvation while others are very secure. What is the difference between a group of believers that are insecure vs. those who are secure? How might they live differently? [Consider what confidence and security does for a person]