

SALVATION

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I have been much concerned about what I should preach about this evening - in resuming our broadcasts. One word kept recurring - that word was SALVATION

I still believe that God has something to do in guiding the ministry in what it shall say to the people - we have many instances in the Bible where He told His minister what to say -

1. "Speak to the people that they go forward."
2. "Stand in the gate of the Lord's house and proclaim
 - a. Amend your ways
 - b. Trust not in lying words
 - c. Oppress not - stranger - the widow - do not shed innocent blood - {Humble your selves - but
 - d. Hear ye and be not proud {down -

I was reading in a magazine the other day and ran upon an expression from a religious leader as follows:

"Religious leaders will find little difficulty in agreeing with the recent confession of one of their representatives, that the question of salvation is of small interests to the modern mind, and especially to the mind of modern youth."

> Trimmer letter

Now if this is true or partially true - it should give us great concern - for it would give us the following indications:

1. The prevalence of a view contrary to the Christian view -
2. That the fundamental emphasis of the Bible was becoming un-intelligible - what is that emphasis? That the soul be consciously in right relation to God

3. That the work and message of Jesus are being set against a totally different background than that we have been taught
4. That much of the hymnology, much of the symbolism of Christianity, and much of its doctrinal expression are fast approaching their burying ground.

How does the Bible stand on salvation? (nine verses and examples)
 For after all that is our guidebook

The word salvation means save and that is the form it takes in the Bible - and you will find it some 480 times. Then its meaning is expressed almost innumerable times - Take Jno. 3:16 the word salvation nor the word save are used but the meaning is there -

where does the blame lie -
partly with the church itself.

then a new spirit which tries
to make Christianity colorless,
impractical, remote, and
inconsequential -

this thing has crept into the
church and has caused one
of our religious leaders to say -

"Any one who to-day under-
takes to consider seriously
the theme of the soul and
its salvation, and to treat
it as a matter of life and
death knows very well that
even in the church itself
many will label him as a
traditionalist for his pains."

Salvation is the soul's
conscious reconciliation
with God, with a God
who has been ignored
and sinned against

I do not believe we should beg a new church saying we need the church

but with a God who de-
clares himself merciful
and gracious, not willing
that any should perish
but that all should re-
pent - <sup>you do not need to beg a man
that sees himself in that light</sup>
then to say that this ex-
perience is a matter of
no great importance
is to render pointless the
soul's supreme possible
hour.

But how does it come?

1. Conviction
2. Repentance
3. Faith
4. Regeneration - The baptism
of the Spirit -

then we are baptised
with water to show what
the Spirit has done and
received into the visible
church -

all this made possible by Jesus -

you do not have to
beg a man