

I want to talk to you today about Salvation. You know what I am talking about...if you have experienced it. Salvation is needed on individual scale, institutional scale, and world scale.

This word occupies a large place in the Bible. It is used seventy one times in the O.T. and 96 times in the N.T. It therefore takes on large significance.

Uses...Let us examine them..

1. It is used in the sense of deliverance from or victory over outward dangers and enemies."See how He will deliver you from the Egyptians your enemies." "Shall Jonathan die who hath wrought this great victory Salvation in Israel, who by God's assistance hath obtained this signal victory?"
2. It is taken for remission of sins, true faith and other saving graces of the Spirit.
3. It is taken for eternal happiness hereafter
4. It is taken for the Author of our salvation
5. For the Blessed Jesus..."I have seen Him whom Thou didst send into the world to be the Author and Procurer of Salvation to lost sinners."

Now getting down to the real meaning of the word..It is the act of saving..it is rescue...setting free the soul from sin. and death.

It is close kin to the word SALVAGE. To use this word in regard to saving a ship or goods from the danger of the sea. Saving what is left of a wreck and renovating and restoring it or parts of it to service.

Let us take for example a wrecked automobile. We may not restore it as an automobile but parts will be salvaged and used maybe as radio parts and help to give out beautiful music that the car did not produce. The parts might be used down at the light plant to help send out the light to light a city wherein the car could only light a small space, or it might be used in the aeroplane for greater heights than the car could ever make. Your life may be sinful and wreck...you may lose an eye, an arm, your hearing etc. but if salvation comes to you to that part of you that survives the wreck and fire..that part of you may be used for far higher achievements than you were accomplishing as a non Christian wandering through the world .

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It is also a kin to the word salve...an ointment that is used for soothing and healing wounds. Sin scars people up..it makes them selfish..the devil with his dagger cuts great wounds and there has to be healing...Salvation.

Now I must be frank and tell you that I believe that there are lives that do not wreck. I believe that the motive of Jesus for every life is that from the beginning it be trained in the way that it should go. But in the flesh there is the tendency to the way of the flesh...a tendency to deteriorate. We must cultivate the tender plant just as you would care for your roses, or fig tree, etc. Or as you would care for your car that never wrecks.

I am also frank to tell you that there must be the new birth. But some body objects and says "How can a person be born again if first he does not get out and sin?" I will ask you a question...What happens in the new birth.. The person being shown the two ways...to hell and to heaven repents of any wrong that he may have done and chooses to take the way to heaven instead of the way to hell...Now this must happen to every person. The child being trained to see the two ways will one day make a choice....Do you see how one can escape making a choice. When it chooses and determines its course to follow Christ it is born again...Now on the little child who has done very little of that which could be called really wrong is not likely to show the emotions that an old tough corrupt sinner would show...but each one makes a choice to travel toward heaven.

Salvation is to deal with the whole being....

Body...Mind...Spirit.....Let us see now how all this can work out.

THE BODY may be saved by human instrumentality..in seeing that it has proper care... Then if it wrecks many wound may be healed and many ~~wound~~ bones restored. The restoration may be painful but when something enters that hurts the total ongoing of the body the operation has to be performed or death comes to the body.

THE MIND...Psychologist, brain specialists, etc. can do much to save the brain and consequently the mind. In this regard too there some times has to be performed a painful operation. But it is better to suffer some pain than for the body to die.

The SPIRIT...Man is helpless here. He may instruct and lead or guide to Jesus...but Jesus must save in the spiritual realm. This is the eternal side of our beings...It takes more than a man to deal with that side of us.

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He is more than a man because He is divine. His Virgin birth attests that fact. The enemies of Christianity are prone to do their first work against it by trying to show that the Virgin birth was just a nice theory put out to get early followers to Jesus but that it is a Biological impossibility...They will tell you that He was born just as any other person and strove for His divinity and that any man who will strive can come to it just as He did. In other words, they say, your Christianity has just a man at the head of it just as other world orders do. An Atheist can believe in a Christ like that.

If Christianity does not have a God at the head of it then it can not be any more ultimately than any other religion with a real good man at the head of it. The preachers, parents, and teachers should guard their congregations, children, and pupils against any ones pronouncements against the doctrine of the Virgin birth. Because any one that will teach against the Virgin Birth is playing right into the hands of the world order that would destroy Christianity...

Friends we are in more danger...in danger of a greater calamity in the fight that has been made and is being made to destroy such doctrines as Virgin Birth...thereby dethroning The bed rock of Christianity than the calamity of destroying our bodies and industrial plants etc. You guard yourself and family against such teaching...and guard yourself and family from any person's influence that would teach such or stand for its teaching.

There is salvation in none other than Jesus Acts 4:12
No one cometh unto the Father but by Me, said Jesus.

Let's keep our theology straight...for it is in days like these that the devil will try to ruin your faith...

HOLD ON TO

1. Thought of a Living God.
2. Thought of the immortality of the soul
3. Thought of the Virgin Birth and the Savior that He was.
4. Thought of the worth of personality.

