

WORDS OF SALVATION

ASSURANCE

“AND as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment : so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” (Heb. 9. 27, 28.)

A young man in Minneapolis, Minnesota, engaged in an ordinary occupation as a house builder, was suddenly killed by a tractor falling on him as he was loading it on a truck. It was only a regular routine matter; but something happened to tip the machine and the driver over, and the heavy machine crushed the life out of the driver in a moment of time. Through God's mercy the driver was one who knew the Lord, and was a subject of the grace of God, one for whom Christ had once been offered as the sin-bearer, for his sins. When the Lord returns to those who look for Him, we confidently know that this

young man will be among them who then shall enjoy that blessed salvation for which every true believer is looking.

What joy to know the God of our salvation! We not only know the surety of our future place of blessing with Christ, but enjoy even now the assurance that we are accepted in God's Beloved. We have a present salvation *in* Christ, and also the assurance of a coming glory *with* Him.

Thank God, this assurance and this blessing is not limited to a few! One sin brought all men under condemnation, but by one act of righteousness the free gift of God has been extended towards all men for justification of life. It is available to all who come to God through Jesus Christ.

It is unnecessary to prove that all are sinners, for men know it to be so in their own conscience; but God has taken full account of that in the sacrifice of Christ. Grace has provided for your need and for my need in that One whom the Samaritans recognised as the "Saviour of the world," even in our Lord Jesus Christ. You need not fear that God will reject you if you are brought to Him in the arms of the Beloved. We are "accepted in the Beloved." Trust Him for that!

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DAYS THAT ARE COMING UPON THE EARTH

WHEN the Lord Jesus was here on earth He was speaking to the scribes and Pharisees, indeed, to the most refined and cultured, of days that were about to come upon the earth. Now He is speaking from heaven, and the word is, "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh . . . from heaven."

There have been three very distinct voices that have been heard upon earth: the voice of the prophets, the voice of the apostles, and the voice of the Lord Jesus. Still another voice is heard, which is the Spirit's voice, the last voice to be heard on earth. Jesus was speaking of days that were coming when there would be distress of nations. Even now this is apparent. Men are filled with fear in expectation of what is coming upon the earth. But the One who is coming is still rejected and cast out, "For the powers of heaven shall be shaken, and then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." (Luke 21. 25-28.) What an awakening for those who still reject the One who came here and suffered and died to bring eternal blessing to man. Condi-

tions are growing worse each day. Men are at their wits' end.

But the end is not far off when He whose right it is will interfere with regard to the working out of things. Not just one thing, but everything, will be brought to an issue. He who is called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Prince of Peace, He who has infinite wisdom and understanding will have His own way upon earth and in heaven. He is appealing to all men and saying, "Earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord."

Some may wonder why God is not acting directly with respect to present happenings. For the time being He is silent. But He has yet to bring the nations under His mighty sway. It is His determination, He has planned it, destruction is imminent for those who have not fled to Christ for refuge. His mind is made up in regard to it, and who dare say Him nay?

Is man's wisdom greater than God's? He says, "Truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin." (Micah 3. 8.) This word not only applies to Jacob and Israel, but is addressed to all men

alike. When it is a question of man to man, there is a difference. One may boast of his qualifications as a genius, another of his station in life. One may pride himself he differs in respect to his fellow-men, but God has a different estimation of us, "God hath concluded them all in unbelief that he might have mercy upon all." God's conclusion is final.

He "is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." He is a Saviour God. He is not going to turn away from the creature He has created providing man, the creature of His hand, turns in simple faith, confessing His Name and setting to his seal that God is true. He has abundant mercy for such. Oh, that you may at this very moment, before He closes the door, say, "Lord Jesus, I come!" If so, all the joys of heaven will be yours. You cannot afford to miss it.

On Calvary see Him, who died in our stead
In glory behold Him, exalted as Head,
God's wrath He endured on Calvary's tree;
By weakness and dying the Victor was He.

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REJECTED

A SERVANT of God was distributing gospel booklets among the aged and infirm, seeking to speak a word in season to each needy one, and in a simple way to make known God's Glad Tidings. Assaying to enter one of the rooms where many were gathered, a man, whose face expressed the enmity of the unregenerate heart, rose up and pushed the Christian out, shutting the door, and holding same fast, thus rejecting both the servant and his message. As with the apostles of old, he rejoiced he was counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name. The Lord Jesus said, "The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you: if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also." (John 15. 20.) What a privilege to be identified with that blessed One, of whom it is written, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not." (Isa. 53. 3.)

"Man of Sorrows!" What a name
 For the Son of God, who came
 Ruined sinners to reclaim;
 Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Dear reader, are you among those who despise the lowly name of Jesus, or have you confessed Him Lord, as appreciating His glorious worth? For "The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus [or Jesus as Lord], and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Rom. 10. 8, 9.)

May God give you in infinite mercy to recognise His claims while it is called "Today," for the day of grace is fast running its course, and if you neglect or reject His offer of salvation, eternal judgment will surely overtake you (Heb. 9. 27), for "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor. 6. 2.)

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Yes, soon salvation's day
To you may pass away!
Then grace no more will say,
" Yet there is room. "

“MIGHTY TO SAVE”

(Isaiah 63. 1)

YES, a Saviour-God is “mighty to save” weak and helpless sinners who have no might and no strength to save themselves. Will you submit yourselves to be saved by Him? He is “mighty to save” us from *our sins*. “Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from *their sins*.” (Matt. 1. 21.) He is also “mighty to save” us from that most terrible and to be dreaded of all foes—*ourselves*. (Gal. 2. 20.) And He is also “mighty to save” us from that subtle and dangerous enemy, *the world*. (Gal. 6. 14.)

Yea! He is “mighty to save” right through into glory, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for us. (Heb. 7. 25.) Do credit it with all your heart and

“Sing of His mighty love, MIGHTY TO
SAVE!”

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