

God of My Salvation

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I. Introduction

A. Today is Palm Sunday - the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem (Mt 21:1-11; Mk 11:1-14; Jn 12:12-19)

Jesus comes into Jerusalem as a conquering King. The crowds cry out "Hosanna".

Jn 12:12-15 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel." Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

Barnes says - The word "hosanna" means "save now," or "save, I beseech thee."

quoted from Ps 118:25-26

O LORD, do save, we beseech You; O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

The designation savior is not directly applied to the Messiah in the OT, but Zech. 9:9 indicates that salvation would be an aspect of God's anointed one.

quoted from Zec 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

They were expecting Jesus to "save them" (deliver them from Rome).

B. Salvation in the Old Testament.

When Old Testament saints called on God to save them, they typically meant being rescued from dangers in their immediate situation. The concept of eternal salvation, while not ignored, is not yet fully developed in the Old Testament.

Psalms 88 is a great example of this - the Lord is a God of salvation shines through.

the Lord is addressed as "the God of my salvation." v. 1

His understanding of salvation:

1. God was the only one who could relieve the pressures under which he lived.
2. His desperate prayer for salvation was offered day and night.
3. Unless God acts on his behalf, all is lost.
4. There was no way, on his own, to extricate himself from this desperate situation.

His view of Sheol: notice the uncertainty in v. 10-12

1. The pit v. 4
2. The place of the dead v. 5; of departed spirits v. 10
3. The place where God forgets you v. 5, 11, 12
4. The place of darkness v. 12

Examples of God's salvation in OT

God delivers His people from Egypt

(Ex 6:6-7; 14:13-14,21-23,27-28; Ps 77:19-20; Hos 13:4)

God gives Israel Judges to deliver them from the enemy

Judges 2:16 Then the LORD raised up judges who delivered them from the hands of those who plundered them. (Gen 45:5-7; Ex 3:10; Jos 10:6-10; Jdg 2:18; 6:14-16; 2 Ki 13:5; Isa 45:1, 13)

God delivers David from various dangers

2 Samuel 22:1 And David spoke the words of this song to the LORD in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

(1Sa 17:37; 2Sa 22:1-3; Ps 18:2; 2Sa 22:18; Ps 18:17; Ps 3:8; Dan 6:16-22)

C. Salvation in the New Testament

1. The emphasis in the New Testament shifts from situational to eternal salvation.

God still meets every day practical needs.

We are to ask and knock (prayer); and seek (God) for our every day practical needs.

Lk 11:9-10 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you..."

God delivers the apostles from prison:

(Ac 5:18-19; 12:6-11; 16:25-26)

God delivers believers from trials and testing

Mt 6:13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

(2Ti 4:18; Dan 12:1; 1Co 10:13; 2Pe 2:9; Rev 3:10)

2. Jesus meets the temporal practical and spiritual needs

Ac 10:38-39 You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Heb 4:16 let us draw near ... so that we may ... find grace to help in time of need.

3. God meets both the natural and spiritual needs of His people

2 Pt 1:3 His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness

Phi 4:19 - God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

the practical

Lk 12:29-31 "And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying. For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things. But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

and spiritual needs of His people

Lk 12:32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

4. Salvation includes the past, present and future needs a man

2 Co 1:10 ... Who delivered us (past) from so great a peril of death,
and will deliver us, (present) He on whom we have set our hope.
And He will yet (future) deliver us,

5. Word study on salvation - the Greek word "sozo";

Salvation is for spirit, soul and body

1 Thes 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Salvation for:

Soul (save your soul) - Mt 16:25; Mk 8:35; Lk 9:24; 17:33

Physical healing - Mt 9:22; Mk 5:23, 28, 34; 6:56; 10:52; Lk 6:9; 8:36, 48, 50; 17:19; 18:47; Jn 11:12; Ac 4:9; 14:9; Jas 5:15

Forgiveness and deliverance from sins -

Rom 7:24-25 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

(2Sa 12:13; Ps 33:19; Eze 37:23; Mt 1:21; Lk 7:50; 1Co 15:56-57; 2Co 1:9-10)

Baptism now saves you - Mk 16:16; 1 Pt 3:21

"Be saved from this perverse generation" - Ac 2:40

Eternal salvation - Ac 2:47; 4:12; 11:14; 16:20; Rom 10:9-13; 1 Cor 1:18; 3:15; 5:5; 10:33; 15:2; 2 Cor 2:15; Eph 2:5, 8; 1 Thes 2:16; 2 Thes 2:10; 1 Tim 2:4; 1 Pt 4:18;

From death - Mt 24:22; Heb 5:7; Jas 5:20;

D. Salvation comparison between the Old and New Testaments

While the emphases differ in the two testaments, there are close parallels between them.

Individuals portrayed in the OT	Individuals portrayed in the NT
Mankind is helpless before some kind of earthly threat, only God's intervention can save them.	People still have earthly needs; however, their real need is spiritual and eternal. Jesus Christ is the only one who can meet this need.
Need God's help with temporal needs	Need God's help in temporal and eternal needs
Were in danger of physical harm & death	All humanity is in danger of spiritual death
Were powerless to deliver themselves from their enemy	Are powerless to deliver themselves from the power of sin & eternal punishment
Individuals called on God for help & He rescued them by defeating their enemies	God has acted on man's behalf in Christ; He defeated all the power of the evil one and provides both temporal & eternal life to all who trust in Jesus

Today, as in ancient times, we celebrate the Lord as "God of my salvation." He is our best and only hope.

II. The God of My Salvation

A. Savior is used as a title for God

Isa 45:21 "And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me. (Jdg 10:13-14; Isa 43:11; Jer 2:28; 3:23; 11:12)

B. Jesus Christ is the Savior

Definition of the name of **Jesus**

Jehovah is salvation; Jehovah my salvation; Savior; the Greek form of Joshua.

His name is Savior

Titus 1:4 ...Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.
(Lk 1:69-75; 2:11; 2:28-32; 19:10; Ac 13:23; Tit 3:6; 2Pe 1:1; 3:2,18)

His life mission is to save

1 Tim 1:15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. (Lk 19:10; Mk 10:45; Mt 1:21)

He is the source of all salvation

Heb 5:9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,
(Lk 1:47; Jn 4:42; 6:68-69; 10:9; 14:6; Ac 5:31; 10:42-43; 13:23; Eph 5:23; Phil 3:20; 1 Tim 1:1, 15; 2:5-6; 4:10; 2 Ti 1:10; Tit 1:3-4; 3:6; 2 Pt 1:1, 11; 2:20; 3:2, 8; 1 Jn 4:14; Jude 25)

C. Specific Salvation In:**1. The Name of Jesus**

Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."
(Ac 2:21; 3:6, 16; 4:10, 12, 29; 8:12; 9:27-28; 10:43; 15:17; 16:18; 22:16; Rom 10:13; 1 Cor 1:2; 6:11; Eph 1:20; Phil 2:9-11; Col 3:17; 2 Tim 2:19; Jas 5:14; 1 Jn 3:23; 5:13; Rev 22:3)

2. The Blood of Jesus

1 Cor 11:16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ?
(Mt 26:28; Mk 14:24; Lk 22:20; Jn 6:53-56; Ac 20:28; Rom 3:25; 5:9; 1 Cor 11:25; Eph 1:7; 2:13; Col 1:19-20; Heb 9:12-14; 10:29; 13:12, 20; 1 Pt 1:2, 18-19; 1 Jn 1:7; Rev 1:5; 5:9; 7:14; 12:11)

3. The Cross of Jesus

1 Co 1:18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
(Gal 6:14; Eph 2:16; Col 1:20; 2:14-15; 1 Pt 1:18-19; 2:24)

4. The death of Jesus

Ro 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son,
(Mt 20:28; Mk 10:45; Lk 24:45-47; Jn 1:29, 36; 10:15-18; Ro 6:3-11; 1 Co 1:18; 15:3; 2 Co 5:14-15; Col 1:22; 2:20; 3:3; 1 Thes 5:10; 2 Ti 2:11; Heb 2:9, 14-15; 9:15; 1 Pt 3:18; Rev 7:10)

5. The resurrection of Jesus

Ro 4:25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.
(Ro 5:10; 6:3-5; 8:11; 1 Co 6:14; 2 Co 4:14; Eph 2:5-6; Col 2:12; 2Ti 1:10; 1 Thes 1:10; 1 Pt 1:21; 3:21)

6. The second coming of Jesus

1 Thes 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.
(Heb 9:26-28; Phi 3:20-21; Tit 2:13; 1Pe 1:5; Jude 24)

D. Jesus Saves From:**1. The power of Satan**

1 John 3:8 ... The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.
(Lk 10:18-19; 13:16; Jn 13:31; 16:11; Ac 26:18; Col 1:13; Heb 2:14; 1Jn 3:8; Rev 2:10-11)

2. Physical danger

(Mt 8:25-26; Mk 4:38-39; Lk 8:24-25; Ac 5:18-20; 26:17; 2Co 1:10; 2Ti 4:18)

3. The wrath of God

Rom 5:9 ... justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God ...
(1Th 1:10; Ro 5:9; 1Th 5:9; Rev 11:17-18)

4. Sin

Jesus forgives all sin

Eph 1:7 In Him we have ...forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace
(Ac 5:30-31; Ps 32:1-2; Mt 26:28; Ac 10:43; 13:38; Col 2:13)

Jesus saves from the power of sin

Gal 1:4 who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father, (1Jn 1:7; Ac 5:31; Ro 3:25-26; 5:18-19;
6:6-7, 14; 7:21-25; 8:2-4; Gal 1:4; 1Pe 2:24; Rev 1:5-6)

Salvation from sin -

who has saved those who believe from the penalty of sin,
who is saving those who believe from the power of sin,
who will save those who believe from the presence of sin.

5. Condemnation

Rom 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
(Gal 3:13; Ac 13:38-39; Ro 8:1-4; Gal 4:4-5; Eph 2:15)

6. Jesus saves from the power of death

2Ti 1:10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished
death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,
(1Co 15:55-57; Heb 2:15; Rev 20:6; 21:4)

E. The Benefits of Salvation

1. New birth - new creation

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away;
behold, new things have come.
(Jn 3:3-7; Ro 6:4; Gal 6:14-15; Eph 2:15; Jas 1:18; 1Pe 1:23; 1Jn 3:9)

2. Adoption into the family of God

Jn 1:12 But as many as received Him ...He gave the right to become children of God
(Ro 8:22-24; Gal 4:4-7)

3. Heavenly citizenship

Phi 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the
Lord Jesus Christ; ... (Eph 2:19; Col 3:1-2; Heb 12:22-24)

4. Eternal life

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our
Lord. (Jn 3:14-16,36; 5:24-25; 6:40; Ro 6:23)

5. Righteousness

2 Cor 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the
righteousness of God in Him. (Ro 1:17; 3:22; 4:3-13; 4:25-5:1; Isa 61:10)

6. Justification

Ro 3:23-24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His
grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
(1Co 1:30; 2Co 5:21; Phi 3:8-9; 2Ti 4:8; Heb 11:7)

7. Peace with God

Ro 5:1 having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
(Eph 2:13-17; Isa 53:5; Jn 16:33; Col 3:15)

8. The presence of the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 3:16 ...know, you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you
(Ro 8:9; 1 Cor 6:19; Eph 2:22,; 5:18; Gal 5:2-25; 1 Jn 4:13)

9. Access to God

Heb 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Ro 5:1-2; Eph 2:13; Heb 4:16).

10. Ability to live for God

Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

(1Jn 4:9; Ro 6:8-11; 7:21-25; 2Ti 1:9; Heb 7:25; 9:14-15; 1Pe 2:24; 1Jn 3:5-6; 5:18)

11. Inheritance

Col 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. (Ro 8:17; Rev 21:7)

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