

# HE IS ABLE TO SAVE THEM

## HEBREWS 7:25

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<sup>25</sup> Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Introduction:

We live in a day of rampant confusion concerning spiritual matter. It seems that very few people understand the truth about God's way of saving the human soul. In fact, asking a dozen different people will often produce as many ideas regarding what saves and what doesn't. For instance:

Ask an Atheist and he will say, "There is no God and there is no need to be saved."

Ask a Moralist and he will say, "Be a good person and do good for others and you will be saved."

Ask a Religionist and he will say, "Do what your church tells you, and be a good person and you will be saved."

Ask a legalist and he will say, "Keep this set of rules and do as you are commanded by you Pastor and you will be saved."

Ask a man by the name of Paul who used to fit into three of the above groups, but who got saved by grace and he will say, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Ask God and He will say, "Ye must be born again."

This verse tells the truth about God's plan of salvation. It tells us how it works and what it does for the sinner and the saint. It sets the record straight and it teaches a truth that we must not miss! This verse teaches us that those who grasp the truth about how God's plan of salvation works are "saved to the uttermost!"

## **1. GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE – "THEM THAT COME"**

### **A. A Costly Plan**

#### **Mark 10:45**

<sup>45</sup> For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

#### **Philippians 2:5-8**

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>7</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup> And

being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

**Isaiah 53:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**1 Peter 1:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; <sup>19</sup> But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

**B. A Completed Plan**

**John 19:30**

<sup>30</sup> When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

This plan, devised by God needs no revision. It does not have to be updated like your software, wardrobe and automobile must be. It will never have to be revised, redone or repaired, it is complete and finished forever.

**Hebrews 9:12**

<sup>12</sup> Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

It is perfect and it is complete and it will bring salvation to all those who receive it by faith!

### C. Controversial Plan

#### **John 14:6**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

This plan is so controversial because it is a very narrow plan. In fact, it is so narrow that God only knows one way for sinners to be saved, and that is through the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ!

#### **Acts 4:12**

<sup>12</sup> Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

There is no plan B. There is no alternative. There is nothing else for those who believe differently. There is one plan for all men and if you go to Heaven, you will go through this plan!

God doesn't care how good you may be. Salvation is not merited by works.

#### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: <sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast.

God isn't impressed by your sincerity! Salvation does not come to those who mean well.

God doesn't care if you are black, white, red, yellow or brown. He doesn't care if you are Muslim, Hindu, Baptist, Mormon, or Catholic. He only knows one plan of salvation for all men!

## **2. GOD'S POWER TO SAVE – “HE IS ABLE”**

### **A. He Has the Power to Cleanse**

#### **1 John 1:7**

<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

When God's plan is received, His power moves in the heart and does a cleansing work whereby every stain and blemish of sin is forever removed from your life. It is a brand new birth! You get a fresh start. Yesterday with all its pain, failures, sins and shortcomings is gone forever, having been washed whiter than snow in the precious blood of the Lamb.

#### **Revelation 1:5**

<sup>5</sup> And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**Psalm 103:12**

<sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

**Isaiah 38:17**

<sup>17</sup> Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

**Isaiah 43:25**

<sup>25</sup> I, *even I, am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

**Jeremiah 50:20**

<sup>20</sup> In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be none*; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

**Micah 7:19**

<sup>19</sup> He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

## B. He Has the Power to Change You

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

You see, you cannot enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ and remain the same! Ask the blind man in John 9. Ask the adulterous woman in John 8. Ask Bartimaeus, ask the lepers, ask His disciples, ask the woman with the issue of blood, ask Mary Magdalene!

Ask any of the millions who have met Him over the passing ages and they will all testify to the fact of His life changing power! Wait, just ask anyone around you and, if they are saved, they can testify to the life changing power of the Lord Jesus Christ!

### **3. GOD'S PROMISE TO SAVE – "TO SAVE"**

#### **A. The Promise In the Word – Save**

This word means "to save, to keep safe and sound; to rescue from danger and destruction." That is what Jesus does when He saves a soul! He saves them from:

- The deadness of sin – Eph. 2:1

#### **Ephesians 2:1**

<sup>1</sup> And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

- The wrath of God – Rom 5:9

#### **Romans 5:9**

<sup>9</sup> Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

- A wasted life that ends in tragedy – Luke 16:19-31

- Self-destruction and self-deception – Proverbs 16:25

### **Proverbs 16:25**

<sup>25</sup> There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

## **B. The Promise In His Work**

### **1 John 2:2**

<sup>2</sup> And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is our Intercessor! That is, He stands in for us in Heaven! The word literally means, "to fall in with." It is a picture of One Who comes alongside another to help in times of distress and trial. Jesus is our Man in Heaven! He is the perfect representative of the human race. He occupies His place at the Father's right hand to ensure that we have the resources we need to make it through the journey down here!

His presence in Heaven as our Advocate gives the saints absolute assurance that they too will be there some day, Col. 3:3!

### **Colossians 3:3**

<sup>3</sup> For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.



## C. The Promise of His Will

### **John 6:37-40**

<sup>37</sup> All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

<sup>39</sup> And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. <sup>40</sup> And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Close:

What is the conclusion of the whole matter? God's plan of salvation has the power to save to the uttermost everyone who comes to Him through Jesus Christ! You see, the whole point of this portion of Hebrews is to show how the Lord Jesus, as our Great High Priest, is absolutely superior to the Old Testament priesthood. Here is how:

1. The Old Testament priesthood was only temporary. A man could only serve until he died. Jesus has already gone through death and He will never die again, Rev. 1:18.

### **Revelation 1:18**

<sup>18</sup> *I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

2. The Old Testament priest could save no one. Our text verse told us that Jesus is "Able to save to the

uttermost". He has power that no earthly priest can ever have. He possesses the power to save souls!

3. The Old Testament priest was never finished with his work. Jesus finished His work on the cross and sat down at His Father's right hand, Heb. 10:12.

**Hebrews 10:12**

<sup>12</sup> But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

4. The Old Testament priest could only enter the presence of God once per year and then only with the blood of a sacrificed lamb. Jesus Christ continually abides in His Father's presence as the representative of the redeemed!

Since all this is true, the question you need to answer today is this: What have you done about God's plan of salvation? Are you saved to the uttermost this morning? Do have the assurance that all is well within your soul today? If there is a need, there is a High Priest named Jesus Who can and will meet that need.