

# **THE JOY OF THY SALVATION**

## **Psalm 51:10-12**

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Last week we took a look at "The Salvation of God" from **Ps 50:23**, "*Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.*"

We introduced Psalm 50 last week, with an understanding that the psalms was the hymnal, the worship book of Israel; that in 1635 the Scottish Psalter was written (the Psalms in English and in meter) so that the Word of God could be sung among the Puritans.

But... what we know as traditional hymns replaced the Scottish Psalter because singing God's Word became dead to the church. The Psalter was memorized but there was no life in those who sang the psalms.

Then these traditional hymns, based upon the Word and filled with doctrinal truths became dead to us.

Then came the contemporary praise and worship of the past few decades. Some are wonderful hymns and praises; nevertheless, most should be approached with caution because the lyrics actually contradict the Word of God.

"I CAN ONLY IMAGE" (conflicts w/ **1 Cor 2:9**, "*But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.*" - also **Isa 64:4**).

"ABOVE ALL" (conflicts with what Jesus came to do first and foremost: His Father's will- **John 6:38**, "*For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.*" and, **Ps 40:7-8**, "*Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of Me, I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart.*")

Why have we strayed so far from the truth of the Word in our worship? We have failed to hide His Word in our hearts (**Psalm 119:11**); and have especially failed to keep at the Cross of Jesus Christ (**1 Cor 2:2; Gal 6:14**).

We saw last week, that even the gospel has been so diluted that the message has been reduced to 4 spiritual laws or 4 Scriptures ("Romans Road") that are more like an incantation or magic spell to get into heaven.

Since we took a look at THE SALVATION OF GOD last week, this week we'll take a look at the JOY OF THAT SALVATION.

### **Psalm 51:10-12**

*To the Chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

למנצח מזמור לדוד בבוא אליו נתן הנביא כאשר בא אל בהשבע

The inscription gives us insight as why this Psalm is.

David was chosen and consecrated by God thru Samuel while Saul was still king (**1 Sam 16:11**).

David slew Goliath when he was btwn 17-19 years old (**1 Sam 17**)

David fought many battles as captain over Israel's armies, slaying many more of Israel's enemies than Saul (**1 Sam 18:7**)

Jealous Saul tries to kill David (**1 Sam 18:11**)

Saul is killed by the Philistines (**1 Sam 31**)

David is anointed king in Hebron (**2 Sam 2:4**) and then king over all Israel (**2 Sam 5:1-3**)

David was king in Hebron for 7-1/2 years, and then king in Jerusalem for 33 years (**2 Sam 5:5**), building the king's house in Jerusalem (**2 Sam 5:11**).

David even desire to build a temple for God, but God promised that He raise up his seed (the Messiah) and establish His kingdom (**2 Sam 12:12, 14-15**) would build David a house, establish his throne, and raise up his seed (**2 Sam 12:13**).

David tells us why God did not allow him to build the Temple: *"But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for My name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood"* (**1 Chr 28:3**).

This will be important to remember, as we'll see in just a moment.

## **2 Samuel 11**

David was on the roof of his house & saw Bathseba (**2 Sam 11:2**), asked about her (**2 Sam 11:3**), sent for her, took her, & sent her home (**2 Sam 11:4**).

Bathsheba conceived & tells David (**2 Sam 11:5**).

David plots to murder Uriah the Hittite, Bathsheba's husband (**2 Sam 11:6-27**).

God is displeased over what David had done (**2 Sam 11:27**) & sends Nathan...

[**2 Samuel 12:1-9**]

David is a "type" of Christ. But "types" in the Old Testament can only go so far because men are fallen. (in fact, I believe that for every prophetic type of Christ, there is to some extent, a prophetic type of "anti-Christ.")

As types go, Solomon would be the type to portray the Prince of Peace, reigning with a rod of iron. David is the type of victorious king of war and battle (**Rev 19**).

David was a man of war (as read in **1 Chr 28:3**); [**2 Sam 11:1**] mentions that it was the time of year when kings go forth to battle, yet David stays at home & sends Joab. He shouldn't have been up on that roof in the first place.

When the type is broken in the OT Scriptures, often it serves as an example of how our flesh lusteth against the Spirit: "It could be that the purpose of your life is only to serve as a warning to others."

**Psalm 51:10** Prophetically, David pleads for regeneration; for God to create a clean heart and renew a right spirit. Why? Because he recognizes that despite all of God's anointing, without the truth of the grace of God in the Cross (**Ps 22**), he is formed in iniquity and conceived in sin (**Ps 51:5**): doctrine of Total Depravity. Ezekiel spoke of this new heart and new spirit:

*"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them" (**Ezek 36:26-27**).*

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (**2 Cor 5:17**).*

**Psalm 51:11** Again, David prophetically requests that promise of Christ to all those who are in Christ; that the Holy Spirit will abide with us forever:

*"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:16-17).*

**Psalm 51:12** Taking the second part first, "and uphold me with Thy free Spirit" (ורוח נדיבה תסמכני), we actually saw this briefly last week, in the perseverance of the saints w/regard to **Rom 10:9-10; Isaiah 55:11**, God's Word not returning unto Him void without accomplishing that for which it was spoken in the first place. Upholding me with His free Spirit is an expression of the comfort we have in God's sovereign grace, His will according to His good pleasure.

*"Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation"*

השיבה לי ששון ישעך

**Ps 45:7**

*Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. שמן ששון*

**Heb 1:9**

*Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

David the anointed king cries out for joy; for the joy of Jesus.

That which was temporary in the Covenant of the Law, is a permanent gift in the Covenant of Grace, because it is in the

Cross and with the Person of Christ. He becomes our desire:

[Psalm 73:25-26]

When we sin, fall, stray, backslide, the greatest indication that the Holy Spirit has wrought faith unto repentance in our hearts is that Jesus Christ is our desire.

That places all things into perspective.

Often, our sinful flesh as believers, and especially the totally depraved and utterly wicked outlook of the lost in the world, will have their desire everywhere else but God. It is the idolatry of the golden calf when Moses tarried on Sinai. Because our Master tarries at the right hand of the Father, we a greater desire for:

MEN'S SOULS; MIRACLES; MINISTRY; MY PROSPERITY...

but no desire for the MASTER.

**MEN'S SOULS:** Salvations become more important to us; but that would make it my salvation rather than Thy salvation. To desire the salvation of men, more than desiring God is idolatry.

When the MASTER is my desire, instead of desiring men for the kingdom of God, the Holy Spirit of Christ in you supernaturally calls men unto the Cross ("If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto Me," **Jn 12:32**). Real passion for men's souls only truly comes from our passion for Him. (When was the last time you prayed that a soul might be saved because that God-hating, Christ-rejecting sinner was not honoring to God?)

The idolatry for men's souls is why we've come to a place that declares this one saved, etc.

**MIRACLES:** Herod wanted to see a miracle performed by Jesus (Lk 23:8) and the Pharisees demanded a sign to authenticate His authority (Mt 12:38; 16:1). The miracles that Jesus did were done because He was fulfilling prophecy as the fulfillment of Scripture. Once He went to the Cross, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit glorified Christ and testified to the truth of the Cross, convincing the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; and regenerating fallen men, *"not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the LORD of tzabaoth"* (Zech 4:9).

Yet, because men are unfaithful, even unsaved, they blaspheme the Cross, suggesting that the preaching of the Cross through God's Word is not enough to save men and sanctify men's lives... "we need miracles today," they say.

**MINISTRY:** Sometimes we act as if the work of ministry is all our lives are about; as if what we do, is who we are. Ministry becomes an idol because our desire to serve the Master is greater than our desire for Jesus, Himself. It becomes, *"Look what I've done for you, Jesus"*; rather than realizing that apart from Him, we can do nothing (Jn 15:5).

We start becoming Martha's, all hung up in serving Him, than being with Him, as Mary chose:

*"But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her"* (Lk 10:42).

**MY OWN PROSPERITY:** We think too often of the prosperity doctrine as the "Name it and Claim it" people that fleece the flock on television. And though many, possibly most, within the Word Faith Movement are false teachers and heretics, we are often just as guilty of using Jesus, and preaching Jesus, for our own benefit.



We tell people to give Jesus a try as if we're trying on some clothes: "See how you like Him?" or new shoes: "See how He fits."

We use Jesus to get off drugs, alcohol, or some sort of sin. "If you've come to the end of your rope, give Jesus a try."

Now, granted, many do come to Christ when they are at wits end; yet, it is blasphemous to think that the Creator of the universe and Savior of the world is nothing more than a talisman to bring us luck, prosperity, or good juju!

This is really the worst of the 4 as this one stems from the false doctrine that the human soul 1<sup>st</sup> turns from the world to God, instead of God, 1<sup>st</sup> making alive a sinner, dead in trespasses and sins (**Eph 2:1, 5**). It implies that man makes the 1<sup>st</sup> effort to come to God; and WORSE, it further implies that God wouldn't be necessary if the world didn't first disappoint.

WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?... How do we get this passionate desire for Christ?

Get to the Cross and stay at the Cross.

*"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal 6:14).*

The Cross of Christ is work of God where every attribute of God is manifested. The fullness of God's revelation of Himself can only be seen within the context of the Cross of Christ.

We must see the Cross in His WORD; in our PRAYERS; in our FELLOWSHIP; in our MINISTRY; in our PREACHING & TEACHING; in all that we think, say, and do. If He is our passion, we will see the Cross; if we see the Cross, He'll be our heart's DESIRE!