

SO GREAT SALVATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews Chapter 2:

INTRODUCTION: A Definition of the Word Salvation: "The Word Salvation or to Save means 'to deliver; to set free; to rescue; to make whole; to save.' All mankind (outside of Christ) are lost in sin and need salvation. 'Christ Jesus came into this world to seek and to save that which was lost' (Luke 19:10); The Name Jesus means Saviour; Matthew 1:21; Salvation is only in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12.

Why does the Author of the Book of Hebrews call Salvation SO GREAT SALVATION? There are several very important reasons.

1. BECAUSE OF OUR GREAT SAVIOR

- A) He is Greater than the Prophets. Hebrews 1:1-3.
- B) He is Greater than the Angels. Hebrews 1:4-14 & Hebrews 2.
- C) He is Greater than Moses. Hebrews 3.
- D) He is Greater than Joshua, Hebrews 4.
- E) He is Greater than Aaron and all the Old Testament Priests. Hebrews 4:14-16 & 5-10.
- F) His Sacrifice is Greater than all the Old Testament Sacrifices offered by Priests. Hebrews 7-10
- G) He has established a Greater-Better Covenant based on Better Promises. Hebrews 8.
- H) He Ministers as Our Great High Priest in a Greater-Better Sanctuary. Hebrews 9:11-15. (Read 8-9-10.)

2. BECAUSE OF THE GREAT PRICE OR COST OF OUR SALVATION

Hebrews 8-9-10. His own Precious Blood shed on Calvary's Cross purchased our Salvation. Compare Hebrews 2:9: 9:11-14; and Heb 10:12-23. Christ Jesus is Our Great High Priest: The one final and complete Sacrifice which He offered once for all time for all people is Himself and His own precious blood: This is why He cried triumphantly on the Cross; "It is Finished"! Paid in Full! John 19:30. He paid in full for our sin and for the price of our redemption. Compare 1 Peter 1:18-21.

3. BECAUSE HE IS ABLE TO SAVE TO THE UTTERMOST.

Hebrews 7:25

- A) Compare Ephesians 2:1-10: This passage of Scripture describes how the Lord Jesus saves us and transforms us by His amazing grace. Compare also 1 Samuel 2:8 and 1 Timothy 1:15. 11 Corinthians 5:17.
- B) 'Those who come to God through Him'; Christ is the only way to God. Hebrews 7:25. John 14:6
- C) 'Seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them'. Hebrews 7:25. Christ our Saviour and High Priest ever lives to make intercession for us at the right hand of the Father.

#### 4. BECAUSE THIS SALVATION IS CALLED ETERNAL SALVATION

- A) Hebrews 5:9.”He became the author of Eternal Salvation to all who obey Him”
- B) Compare John 3:16-17; 5:24; 10:27-30. True Believers will desire to obey their Lord and Saviour because of all He has done for them.

#### 5. BECAUSE HE IS A SYMPATHIZING SAVIOR AND HIGH PRIEST.

- A) Hebrews 2:9-18 He became man (part of the human family) and walked this earth. He faced the same temptations, trials, and struggles that we face. [Yet without sin] He knows and feels what we are going through; He invites us to come boldly to the Throne of Grace to obtain mercy and find Grace to help in time of need.
- B) Hebrews 4:14-16.

#### 6. BECAUSE THIS SALVATION IS AVAILABLE TO ALL AS A FREE GIFT.

(This free gift of Salvation is available to all who come to God through Jesus Christ and accept Him as Saviour and Lord)

- A) Hebrews 7:25; John 14:6 & Acts 4:12; (Read)
- B) Compare John 3:16; Acts 10:43; Romans 10:9-13 and Revelation 22:17; (Read these passages of Scripture).

#### 7. BECAUSE OUR SAVIOR IS COMING AGAIN.

- A) Hebrews 9:24-28: “...He will appear the second time apart from sin for Salvation”! This is when our salvation will be complete-when we as believers will be glorified and be like Him for “we shall see Him as He is” 1 John 3:1-3. What a Great Salvation!
- B) Compare Titus 2:11-13; Romans 13:11; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. 1 Thess. 4:13-18

#### CONCLUSION:

- A) Let us be eternally thankful and deeply appreciative for this “So Great Salvation” which we have received from our Wonderful Saviour.
- B) Let us not in anyway neglect this so great Salvation. A beautiful garden which is neglected may soon be full of weeds! Jesus exhorted His sleeping disciples in the garden, “What, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak”. Matthew 26:30-41
- C) We are exhorted in Hebrews 2:1; “Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest we drift away”: Then in Hebrews 5:11-14 & 6:1-3 we are exhorted to ‘go on to spiritual maturity’ and not remain spiritual babes. In Hebrews 12:1-3 the Writer exhorts us to “lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily besets or ensnares us and run with patience or endurance the race that is set before us looking unto

Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith, who for the Joy that was set before Him endured the cross despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”.

Let us therefore serve and obey Him and press on in our Christian life and race because we love Him our Great Saviour and Lord!

- D) Let us also tell others both near and far about our wonderful Saviour and this So Great Salvation which He has provided for all who will come to God through Him.
- E) There is a great danger in neglecting or rejecting this so great salvation! Many people have neglected or put off this important matter of the salvation of their souls to their own peril! Two examples in Scripture come to mind; Felix (Acts 24:24-25); and King Agrippa (Acts 26:27-29)! Almost persuaded! They both had opportunity. They heard the Gospel and were deeply stirred and under conviction it would seem, but we do not have any record of them ever coming to faith in Christ. They missed their opportunity. So many today do the same. They hear the Gospel! The Holy Spirit is speaking to their hearts, but they harden their hearts. They neglect, or put off the most important decision in their life. They do this to their own peril.

“Behold now is the accepted time! Behold Now is the Day of Salvation”: 2 Corinthians 7:1-2; “Today if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion”; Hebrews 3:7-8; “See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven”. Hebrews 12:25.

“Almost persuaded now to believe! Almost persuaded Christ to receive! Seems now some soul to say; go Spirit, go thy way. Some more convenient day; on thee I’ll call!” But we have no promise of a more convenient day! Today is the day of Salvation. Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart.

Come to Jesus Christ today in true repentance and faith and accept Him as your Lord and Saviour. Don’t turn Him away who is speaking to your heart today. “For whoever calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved”. Romans 10:13. God Bless