

Sermon Outline: Navigating Perilous Times – Part 4 – Salvation Tools of Covering

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Psalm 91:14-16

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The Salvation Tools of Covering

Psalm 91:14-16 (amp)

14 Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he knows and understands My name [has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, and kindness — trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake him, no, never]. 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.

I. **What is Salvation?** *Soteria* - Deliverance and preservation from danger

Salvation is a person, a promise, a provision, and a process.

A. Person of Jesus = deliverance

Isaiah 61:1-3 (KJV)

61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

B. Promise – Psalm 91:16 (amp) 16 With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.

C. Provisions – Unpacking layers of a gift (grace)

Romans 8:15-18 (amp)

15 For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father! 16 The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God. 17 And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory. 18[But what of that?] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred on us!

D. Process – Justification, Sanctification, Glorification

1. Were Justified – By the Blood of Jesus (Born again spirit)

2. Being Sanctified – By the Washing of the Word and the Development by the Spirit of God (Renewing of the soul)

3. Will Be Glorified (the completion of salvation) – By the Resurrection of the Body (Recreated incorruptible)

How does Salvation provide covering for me?

Is this enough to cover me?

II. How does Salvation provide a covering for me?

Let's look at some of the elements of salvation and how the scripture represents this deliverance called salvation.

The Coverings of Salvation

A. The Oil (A symbol of the Anointing)

Luke 4:18-19 (KJV)

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The anointing is an empowerment to succeed at whatever God has directed be done. It is His equipping you with "Him" so that in partnership with God you can complete God's instruction. Just as God extends himself as your covering, He extends His power, authority, wisdom, creativity – whatever of God you need to complete your tasks. This is why we say the anointing is the power to remove the burden and destroy the yoke. God extends Himself in an upon you so that you can do what you couldn't without him. The Anointing, represented by the oil, is the extension of the covering of the Power of God.

Warning – do not play or make fun of the oil or the anointing. It is a sacred representation of the Holy Spirit and not to be disrespected.

2. The Blood (The Righteousness of Jesus Christ)

Most believers understand the power of the Blood of Jesus. It is a main pillar of our understanding of salvation and Christianity.

Hebrews 9:28 (amp)

28 Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and once for all, will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation those who are [eagerly, constantly, and patiently] waiting for and expecting Him.

Revelation 12:11 (KJV)

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (amp)

21 For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness].

3. The Name of Christ (The Authority of Jesus)

God has given us the right to use or "cover" ourselves with the name of Jesus Christ. This name carries with it the authority of the Creator and all those names mentioned at the beginning of Psalm 91.

Philippians 2:9-11 (KJV)

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 14:13-14 (KJV)

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name , that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name , I will do it.

Acts 3:2-7 (KJV)

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

4. The Bread and the Wine (Covenant)**Psalms 105:37 (KJV)**

37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

The Passover was done in preparation of their exodus from Egypt. It was also pointing toward the Passover Lamb that would come to take away the sins of the world. While the blood on the doorpost protected the 1st born from death, the Passover meal renewed them for the journey of their deliverance. The Bread and the Wine represents the covenant of protection. It also represents the betrothal between the bride and the bridegroom. The promise of covering while preparations were being made for the marriage feast.

Luke 22:15-20 (KJV)

15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: 16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. 17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. 19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

5. The Word of God (Activation)

I teach Chemistry. And there is this concept regarding chemical reactions that some reactions require a certain amount of energy to start. We call it the energy of activation. It's the energy needed to begin the reaction.

Salvation is like the parts of a chemical reaction. They can all be present; however, without the energy of activation, there will be no reaction.

Selah Moment - The Word of God is the activation that causes salvation to ignite for us!

There are two parts to this activation

Roman 10:17 (KJV) 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
FAITH COMES FROM THE WORD OF GOD

James 2:17-20 (amp)

17 So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead). 18 But someone will say [to you then], You [say you] have faith, and I have [good] works. Now you show me your [alleged] faith apart from any [good] works [if you can], and I by [good] works [of obedience] will show you my faith. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. So do the demons believe and shudder [in terror and horror such as make a man's hair stand on end and contract the surface of his skin]! 20 Are you willing to be shown [proof], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that faith apart from [good] works is inactive and ineffective and worthless?

You need to hear the Word, believe the Word, speak the Word, and activate the Word by doing what the Word says to do!

Wasted Salvation Potential

Unfortunately, there are believers that have for whatever reason, walked uncovered in terms of their salvation. They believe in the promises of salvation. That's why they became believers to begin with.

But some have not accessed their personal relationship with the person of salvation not taking full advantage of the intimacy they have with the deliverer! Others have failed to activate either the provisions or processes of their salvation.

III. Is this enough to cover me?

SELAH MOMENT - What enemy of God and of you is not addressed by the anointing (empowerment), the Blood (righteousness), the wine and bread (covenant), the Name (authority), or the Word of God (activation)?

I challenge you to use the time you have available to you to increase your personal relationship with salvation and to activate as many provisions and processes of your salvation as you can.

Philippians 2:12-13 (amp)

12 Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ). 13[Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

Selah Moment - Stop fighting the Holy Spirit's work to cover you with Salvation. It is the purpose He's been assigned regarding you. You are fully covered by God's salvation, Jesus Christ.

Relax and follow His Spirit's instructions and allow the lifeguard to bring you to shore safely!