

## =MIRACLES OF CHRIST= Lesson 4 The Stilling of the Tempest

Though this miracle is a brief one as far as the number of Scriptures is concerned, it is certainly an important one and teaches us not only a lesson of salvation and of service, but it is a tremendous lesson on the comfort of the Saviour. Let us look at its teachings.

### SALVATION IN THIS MIRACLE. (Matthew 8:23-27)

In verse 24a, notice the words, “**great tempest in the sea.**” This pictures the condition of every unsaved person. The word “tempest” here carries with it rain, quaking or shaking, darkness, and is even sometimes used for an earthquake, though it is doubtful that an earthquake is mentioned here.

In verse 24c, notice the words, “**but he was asleep.**” Christ was present, but they had not called on Him yet. All they needed to do was call on Him, and they could be saved. If they refused to do this, however, they could have been destroyed.

In verse 25a, notice the words, “**And his disciples came to him.**” They could not save themselves.

In verse 25c, notice the words, “**we perish.**” Compare this to John 3:16. The only alternative, apart from trusting Christ for salvation, is to perish.

In verse 26a, notice the words, “**Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?**” They had not much faith, but they had enough faith to wake up Christ.

In verse 26b, notice the words, “**Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea.**” This is what Jesus does when we trust Him. He alone can bring salvation. Calling upon Him can save us.

In verse 26c, notice the words, “**and there was a great calm.**” When Jesus saves, He does it right, and sweet calm assurance follows!

In verse 27, others saw the work of Christ. It seems that there were other ships on the sea, and the people in those boats saw what Christ did in answer to the disciples’ call. In other words, they saw the work of Christ.

The greatest testimony in all the world is for others to see the salvation that Christ has wrought in us.

### SERVICE IN THIS MIRACLE.

Not only does this miracle have a tremendous teaching as to the plan of salvation, but it also teaches us service. It costs to be a blessing. Immediately following this miracle, Jesus is casting out demons in Gadara.

### SOLACE IN THIS MIRACLE.

Not only does this miracle teach the salvation that Christ offers and the way of service for Christ, but it also teaches the solace or comfort that Christ gives to us in the storm.

We can expect the storms. Life is going to have the storms. Maybe you have not experienced them yet, but they are coming.

Notice where Jesus was in the storm. This story in Mark 4:38 says, “And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow...”

Jesus was not roused by the tumult, and the confusion did not bother Him. When we trust in Christ, the confusions and storms of life will not bother us. The tempest may be raging, war may be threatening, Communism may be coming, and yet we will have peace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### QUESTIONS:

The tempest in the sea pictures the condition of every \_\_\_\_\_ person.

Jesus was in the boat with the disciples, but they were afraid because He was \_\_\_\_\_.

The reason people go to Hell is because they do not \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ to save them.

The disciples were saved from the storm by calling on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.

After Jesus rebuked the winds, there was a great \_\_\_\_\_.

In order for Jesus to get to Gadara, He had to cross the \_\_\_\_\_.

Before we can \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, we must often go through trials in our lives.

Jesus gave the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ while they were in the storm; then He \_\_\_\_\_ the storm.

T F 1. Only a few of us will ever experience storms in our lives.

T F 2. After we are saved, there will be no more storms in our lives.

T F 3. Sometimes Jesus will give us peace to stand the storm, but will not remove the storm or still it. We can see Jesus stilling the storms in the lives of others.

T F 4. All that Jesus needed to calm the storm was His Word.

T F 5. If we are not saved, we must either call on Christ or perish.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 8:26b, “Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.”