

Our Proven Hope!

1 Peter 1:10-12

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Introduction

- Mosebrook's Miracle Medicinal Mixture
- Need for clinical studies, objective facts—proof that it works
- Our "Living Hope" —all subjective
 - **Cannot see hope**
 - Romans 8:24-- *"we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?"*
 - **Cannot see our inheritance**
 - Romans 8:23-- *"we also who have the first fruit of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body."*
 - Romans 8:25 -- *"But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance."*
 - **Cannot see Jesus Christ**
 - 1 Peter 1:8-9-- *"whom having now seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls."*

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A. General: Our Salvation in the Old Testament

- 1 Peter 1:10-- *"Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you."*
- 1. **Revealed by the Holy Spirit to the prophets**
 - Hebrews 1:1-- *"God, who at various times and in various ways, spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets!"*
 - 2 Peter 1:20-21-- *"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."*
- 2. **Prophets "inquired" and "searched carefully"**
- 3. **Main interest: "the grace that would come to you"**
 - a. **God has always been a gracious God**
 - Exodus 34:6-- *"And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth.'"*
 - Psalm 116:5-- *"Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful."*
 - b. **Salvation has always been available by grace alone**
 - Psalm 3:8 -- *"Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon your people. Selah."*
 - Isaiah 55:6 -- *"Seek the LORD while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."*

- Joel 2:32 -- *"It shall come to pass that whoever calls upon on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*
- c. **God would be gracious to Gentiles as well as Jews**
- Psalm 117:1 -- *"Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!"*
4. **Manifestation of grace through Messiah**
- Isaiah 45:21-22-- *"There is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me. Look to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other."*

B. Specific: The Prophets' diligent search

- 1 Peter 1:11-- *"searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow."*
1. **WHAT is this "salvation"?**
- a. **Promised salvation is the NEW COVENANT relationship.**
- Jeremiah 31:33-34-- *"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts, and I will be their God and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquities, and their sins I will remember no more."*
 - Ezekiel 11:19-20 -- *"Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep My judgments and do them, and they shall be My people, and I will be their God."*
- b. **Promised a "new birth", new Spirit, forgiveness, changed heart**
- c. **Jesus and Nicodemus**
- John 3:3 -- *"Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*
 - John 3:5-7-- *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"*
 - John 3:9-10 -- *"How can these things be? Jesus answered and said to him, 'Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?'"*
2. **WHEN will this "salvation" be instituted?**
- a. **God reveals to Daniel the exact timetable**
- Daniel 9:25-26a -- *"Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty two weeks; the streets shall be rebuilt again and the wall, even in troublesome times. And after the sixty two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for himself."*
- b. **Possible to pinpoint the day of Christ's crucifixion**
- Zechariah 9:9 -- *"Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the fowl of a donkey!"*
- c. **The Jews should have known the time**
- Luke 19:42-44 -- *"If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things which make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."*

3. **HOW will this “salvation” be accomplished?**

a. The “Sufferings of Christ”

1) **The “Suffering Servant” of Isaiah 53.**

- Isaiah 53:1-7 -- *“He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised and we did not esteem Him. Surely, He has born our grief and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned everyone to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.”*

2) **The details of the crucifixion -- Psalm 22**

- Psalm 22:6-8 -- *But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see me ridicule Me; They shoot out their lip, they shake their head, saying ‘He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him.’”*
- Psalm 22:14-18 -- *“I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue clings to my jaws; you have brought me to the dust of death... They pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide my garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.”*

3) **29 distinct OT prophecies fulfilled in 24 hours**

b. The “Glories of Christ that would follow”

1) **The Messiah as “King”**

- Isaiah 9:6-7 -- *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government shall be upon His shoulders. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”*
- Psalm 2: 7-9 -- *“The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son. Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’”*
- Psalm 24:8, 10-- *“Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle... Who is the King of glory? The LORD of hosts! He is the King of glory!”*

2) **Missing piece: Resurrection**

- Psalm 16:9-11 -- *“Therefore, my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh will also rest in hope. For you will not leave my soul in sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; At your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”*

3) **Struggle to reconcile the two: Cross and Crown**

- Matthew 13:17 -- *“For assuredly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”*

C. Application: Not for them, but for US

- 1 Peter 1:12 -- *"To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into."*
1. **Jesus puts the pieces together**
 - Luke 24:25-27 -- *"O foolish ones, and slow to heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."*
 - Luke 24:32 -- *"Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?"*
 2. **Apostles based their message on the Old Testament**
 - Acts 10:43 -- *"To Him, all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive the remission of sins."*
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 -- *"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; He was buried and rose again according to the Scriptures."*
 - 2 Timothy 3:15-- *"And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."*
 3. **We have "the prophetic word confirmed"**
 - 2 Peter 1:19 -- *"have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts."*