

God's Plan of Salvation—The Interest of Prophets and Angels

1 Peter 1:10-12

Introduction: *Salvation*.

Salvation *from* what?

Salvation *to* what? (Revelation 21:1-5)

Peter's instruction about Salvation: Review of verses 1-9

It is based on a sovereign selection made by God.

It brings inward peace despite difficult life circumstances.

It is a new birth.

It is a promise of an eternal inheritance.

It is a promise of protection from the corrupting influences of sin.

It is an assurance growth in God's love and forgiveness.

1. God's Plan of Salvation was Predicted by His Inspired Prophets, verses 10-12a.

A. The Prophets Predicted God's Salvation would be of Grace (vs. 10a).

Who were the prophets of God were?

Moses, David, the 16 writing Prophets of the Old Testament.

They declared and described a salvation God would accomplish.

It would be a gift received by faith.

B. The Prophets Eagerly Reflected on the Salvation Plan Being Revealed to them by the Holy Spirit (verses 10b-11).

1) Why did the prophets investigate so eagerly about the Messiah's sufferings and glories?

For their own encouragement.

Out of lack of clarity concerning Messiah's suffering and glory.

Because of the prophetic valley of the "mystery" of the Church age (Eph 3:8-10).

2) What sufferings of Messiah and glories did the Prophets reveal?

Sufferings: Affliction Genesis 3:15

Betrayal Psalm 41:9 (cited by Jesus, John 13:18)

Crucifixion: Psalm 22:16-18

(Our suffering is a sign of the glory that is to follow.)

Glories: Crushing the Enemy, Genesis 3:15

Kingship, Psalm 2:7-9

Resurrection, Psalm 16:10

Second coming, Daniel 7:13-14

Restoration of Israel under Messiah, Isaiah 9:6-7

Salvation of Gentiles, Micah 4:1-3.

A new age of peace, Isaiah 65:17-25.

C. The Prophets learned that their Prophecies were for Us as well (verse 12a).

The prophets realized that they were ministering forward to others in the future.

2. God's Plan of Salvation is the Gospel Message Communicated by Spirit-filled Witnesses (vs. 12b).

What things have been announced to us?

The foundation of God's salvation plan: The Messiah has come.

He has suffered. He has risen from the dead and ascended into glory.

3. God's Plan of Salvation Compels Angels to Study Us (vs. 12c).

It is the delight of angels to watch this wonderful plan of salvation working out in us.

They see ultimate reality from God's perspective.

They know that all of our struggles in this world have value.

Do we see that?

Summary

Peter shows his readers, who were suffering the loss of status in their society because of Christ, that in fact they were more privileged from the perspective of prophecy, history, and destiny than any other people in the world.

To have received faith in the message of the gospel is the greatest privilege anyone can receive.

It is a privilege that must be developed. It is a grief to heaven when wasted.

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