

The Reserved Salvation

Giving of the LAW at Sinai was so glorious, so marvelous, so miraculous, and with such varied and mighty manifestations, that no recorded earth scenes could compare with it.

The appearing of the Christ was so outstanding and different, His miracles and message so new and supernatural, and His methods of building so unheard of and revolutionary, they deemed Him an exceedingly dangerous teacher, due to be expelled from His own world and people.

If the giving of the Law came like a thunder crash from heaven; with the coming of Christ with the Gospel, the miraculous, and earnest of the Spirit, came like a cloud-burst, dropping a quarter section of heaven to earth, what think you shall be the revelation of Jesus Christ, the KING of Kings in majesty and glory from hitherto unknown, may we not look to see accompany hitherto unknown, may we not look to see to accompany that appearing? When heaven and earth are brought into the same glory and Spirit. I warn you in the Word of the Lord, "Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; Behold ye despisers and wonder and perish; for I will work a work in your days; a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you." Acts 13:40.

So much as a preface the Spirit gives to launch the reader into expectancy that will enable him to avoid rejecting the seeming extremes of the newer revelations on the Scriptures that are to come forth. Prepare your mind for the Lord's dealings with traditionalism. There are a lot of things current that the Lord will smash into in this the "Times of restitution," or "The Period of the Great Restoration." Acts 3:21.

This writing is not given to deal with the many traditions that block the way of spiritual advance, but to discover a RESERVED SALVATION, that "Stands ready for unveiling at the End of the Age." (Weymouth). Open your Bible at 1 Peter 1:1-13.

The early Ecclesia was kept constantly on tiptoe of expectation of the return of Jesus Christ. Everything pointed to it and clustered about it. Marvelous and mighty were their then known experiences of salvation, Peter makes known to them that there is a degree of salvation reserved in heaven, in addition to all that they had. It is to be revealed in the last times. Or "the life that is prepared and will be revealed in the last times." Syriac.

He describes it as an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled and unfading. That is to say, decay, stain of sin or deterioration comes not to this state. The word is clinched by saying, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." It is kept in heaven but is to be brought to us. "Therefore gird up your minds and fix your hopes calmly and unfalteringly upon the boon that is soon to be yours, at the reappearing of Jesus Christ." (Weymouth).

Now turn your Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. Here the Apostle Paul lets us into the inner aspirations of the more spiritual group. Twice he repeats that they do groan being burdened. Then he describes by the Spirit what this burden is for. First, it is not for dissolution of the body, or death. If that should happen, our house from heaven is ready. There is not and need not be any

groaning for that. Nor do they desire dissolution or death. We do not wish to be unclothed, that is, lose our bodies. But we would be clothed upon. The Greek is literally to put on over, as one would put on an overcoat over another coat. It means to put on our house from he ven, over these bodies, "that what is mortal (the body) may be swallowed up of life." (Revised version).

What would result from such a swallowing of the mortal body? Just as described, our mortal element may be absorbed of life. "Now He that hath wrought us or thic self same thing is God, Who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit." Is not this Peter's inheritance, undefiled, incorruptible and unfading? Is this an hard saying? What and if ye shall see the King coming with tens of thousands of His saints? John 6:58-62.

But wait, there are other testimonies. Turn to Romans. This book, especially chapters one to eight, is an ascending climax of the Gospel and its experiences. Chapter eight is one of the grandest climactic experimentals ever the Holy Spirit produced. It starts with the height of experimental justification, and points out that one living such a life in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit—abiding in it, brings in a life-giving current into the mortal body, (verse 11) brings one to mortify the flesh, or into a state of crucifying the old nature. Then one attains to a state of being led, guided and controlled by the Spirit. This brings one up to a state of a mature son of God. (Verse 14).

Then we are told that having been adopted into the family of God, we are become heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. An heir is one who is looking forward to an inheritance. And we are startled with the statement that, "All creation, gazing eagerly as with outstretched neck, is waiting and longing to see the manifestation of the sons of God." (Weymouth). The Greek word here translated "manifestation" is "apokalupsis," and is usually rendered "revelation." (Verse 19).

Then is added, "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the redemption of the body, that means our full sonship." (Partly Moffatt verses 22,23).

In verses 26 and 34 we find, "In like manner, (or likewise) the Spirit Himself maketh intercession with groanings that cannot be uttered." "And Christ also maketh intercession for us."

To make clear that this was not referring to their present or past experiences, verses 23 and 24 have been inserted, explaining that it was something to be hoped for, or looked forward to. Moffatt puts it, "With this hope ahead." "And whoever hopes for what He sees already"? It was "Deliverance from the bondage of corruption," or "Thralldom of decay," that was in connection with the "Revelation of the sons of God."

If so long ago, the young Ecclesia was taught to groan thus: if all creation sighs and throbs with pain, looking and longing with eager expectation; (Moffatt) if Christ and Holy Spirit are interceding; if this Reserved Salvation is due at this the end of the age: what can be lacking to bring it forth, but the travail groans of saints now living?

Another important scripture on this inheritance is Ephesians, first chapter. Here again what they had received is called the seal of the Holy Spirit, which is the

earnest of their inheritance. Or as Moffatt reads, "the pledge and installment."

When Paul knew of their high spiritual state he offered unceasing thanksgiving and prayer most remarkable for their enlightenment and revelation on the greatness of that power of God which raised Jesus from the dead and exalted Him above all, and made Him Head over the Ecclesia, in which was to be the fullness of Christ. Oh, what a wonder is this "Reserved Salvation"!

On the way to the heights of Zion, we pass other high places in the book of Ephesians. See 3:14-21 and 5:25-27.

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death, resurrection and kindred events? In the light of what actually was taking place in their day the Spirit of God could apply the Scriptures. This same thing will take place again when that which is referred to in Bible prophecies is taking place. The Spirit of God will show us that this is what the prophets had in mind. Therefore, a lot of Bible prophecy never will be applied until the hour of its fulfillment, and God wants us to wait in patience until the time. The difficulty does not lie so much in interpretation of Bible truths as it lies in its application to events that are actually taking place.

Editorial Policy Stated:

We want to state here very plainly that we are not in sympathy and do not hold any views of Anglo-Israel teaching of which there are many variations today. The Gospel works the same to a Gentile as well as a Hebrew and there is absolutely no difference.

You will notice in the article "Just Ahead" in this issue, a quotation from an astrologist. We wish to explain that we are not in sympathy or in any way in fellowship with this pseudo-science. There is very little truth in astrology, but there is much demon power in its teachings.

There are other issues being brought out today which we might mention had we the space for them. Suffice it to say, we believe in the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three in one and one in three. We accept only the pure operations and manifestations of the Holy Spirit and greatly welcome any and all the gifts of the Spirit of God.

—Ivan Q. Spencer

No spiritual experience is a guarantee against careless living.

An Urgent Need

We have been sorely in need of a good printing press for the Herald for quite some time. We knew that we would have to trust God for the supply of this need. God has previously supplied all other equipment which we have on hand. Praise His name!

While holding this need before the Lord in prayer, we realized our own inability to even attempt any move on this line independent of God. In answer to our prayers, God, in His infinite wisdom gave a vision of the type of press which is needed for this work, to a Brother who had never seen this type of machine at any previous time. The description which he gave was so clear that it was readily confirmed by another Brother who has seen and has had some experience with this type of press.

After a time of waiting before the Lord for instructions as to our next move, the Lord brought to our remembrance a press which we had heard of about three years ago. God, by the Holy Spirit, confirmed the location of this press which is the property of a large manufacturing company. We also received instructions as to the time when we should inquire about this press.

As a result of the many leadings of the Lord, we came to an agreement with the owners as to the price to be paid for this machine and we know that it is fair and just. The price to be paid and agreed upon is \$150 cash. We suggested this price after much prayer and waiting before the Lord, for we wanted to be sure that the Lord's money would not be wasted or misused.

The Lord gave us a definite conviction that we are not to incur any debt for the purchasing of this press, but that we should present the need before the readers of the Elim Herald.

We are asking you, dear reader, to cooperate with us by your prayers and gifts, as the Lord lays it upon your heart.

Then consider, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the Sons of God without rebuke." Philippians 2:15. Then Jude 24: "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the throne of His glory." Also Revelation 14:5. "They are without fault."

"The Lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord Jehovah hath spoken: who can but prophesy? (Rev. ver)

—Seeley D. Kinne

This machine has the capacity four times our present press, and will enable us to meet the work we now have a demand for.

The Latter Rain Message must go forward! Souls must be saved!

God wants His people free from debt: to be Prayed up—Paid up—Ready to go up!

—The printers at the Elim Publishing House, Hornell, N. Y.

New Arrival

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne C. Klotzbach of Dansville, N. Y. a baby girl, Beverly June.

Asleep in Jesus

Belated notice of the death of Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Brizee who passed into her eternal rest November 24, 1940 at the age of 67. She was born in Pine Creek, N. Y.

VOICE OF THE SPIRIT

"Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

1 Thess. 5:19-21.

He wants to do something in you. He wants to reveal the Living Vine. He wants to take hold of your whole being. You need a revelation of Him. It pleased the Father to know that in Him dwelt all the fullness of the God-head. Do you see it? Do you see it?

It pleased the Father that in Him should dwell the fulness of the God-head bodily; divine health and divine body.

It is a gift; an unspeakable gift. If the Christ dwell in you, how much of the God-head bodily is in you? Search your heart; think on Him. How much of the power of the Lord is held dormant? Believe the Lord your God so He can come forth.

You determine yourself that you will take a stand over all unbelief and doubt in your heart this day.

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