

**“SALVATION MINUS JOY EQUALS MISERY”**

PSALM 51:12

**INTRODUCTION**

WHEN SOMEONE ASKS FOR SOMETHING TO BE RESTORED, IT IS PRESUPPOSED THAT HE WAS ONCE IN POSSESSION OF THE COMMODITY WHICH HE IS NOW SEEKING.

FOR SOMETHING TO BE RESTORED, IT MUST HAVE BEEN STORED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER.

WHEN A PERSON ASKS TO BE RESTORED BACK INTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF A GWEN CHURCH, HE IMPLIES THAT AT ONE TIME, HE WAS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WITH THAT PARTICULAR CHURCH.

THEREFORE, WHEN DAVID SAID, “RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF THY SALVATION”, HE IMPLIES THAT THERE WAS A TIME WHEN HE WAS EXPERIENCING THE JOY OF SALVATION. HE IMPLIES THAT HIS HEART WAS OVERFLOWING WITH EXULTATION. HE IMPLIES THAT THERE WAS A TIME WHEN HIS SPIRITUAL CUP WAS RUNNING OVER.

NOTICE THAT DAVID DIDN'T ASK FOR HIS SALVATION TO BE RESTORED, HE ONLY ASKED FOR THE JOY TO BE RESTORED.

- (a). BY THIS REQUEST HE IMPLIES THAT HE BELIEVED IN THE DOCTRINE WHICH TEACHES THAT ONCE YOU ARE TRULY SAVED, YOU CAN NEVER BE LOST.
- (b). IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT HIS SOUL WAS STILL SAVED, HE GOT NO ENJOYMENT FROM THE THOUGHT OF HIS SALVATION.

JUST THINK ABOUT THE MISERY OF SALVATION WITHOUT JOY.

- (a). **SALVATION WITHOUT JOY, IS LIKE HAVING TO BE FED THROUGH YOUR VEINS.**
  - (1). **YOUR BODY IS NOURISHED, BUT YOUR TONGUE DOES NOT GET THE PLEASURE OF TASTING THE FOOD.**
- (b). **SALVATION MINUS JOY, IS LIKE HAVING A TABLE FILLED WITH DELICIOUS FOOD BUT HAVING NO APPETITE.**
- (c). **SALVATION MINUS JOY, IS LIKE A MARRIAGE WITHOUT LOVE.**
  - (1). **YOU HAVE PRIVILEGES BUT NO PLEASURE.**
  - (2). **YOU HAVE A LEGAL DOCUMENT BUT NO THRILLS.**
- (d). **SALVATION MINUS JOY, IS LIKE HAVING A BURIAL INSURANCE POLICY.**
  - (1). **YOU HAVE TO DIE BEFORE YOU CAN REAP ANY BENEFITS.**
  - (2). **YOU HAVE A TICKET TO HEAVEN, BUT YOU NEVER GET A TASTE OF HEAVEN WHILE YOU ARE ON EARTH.**

**(I). ACCORDING TO THE WORDS OF OUR TEXT, DAVID REACHED THE POINT WHERE HE WAS COMPLETELY VOID OF JOY.**

- (A). **EVEN THE THOUGHT OF ETERNAL SALVATION BROUGHT HIM NO GOOD FEELINGS.**
  - (I). **THE THOUGHT THAT HE HAD ONCE POSSESSED GREAT JOY AND HAD LOST IT, MADE HIM THE MOST MISERABLE MAN ON EARTH. HE ONCE DANCED OUT OF HIS CLOTHES.**

(B). **DAVID WAS A MAN WHO HAD EXPERIENCED THE LIFE LONG PLEASURE OF BEING ON GOOD TERMS WITH GOD.**

- (1). **WHEN HE WAS A BOY, HE LEARNED THAT HE WAS GOD'S CHOICE TO BE THE NEXT KING OF ISRAEL.**
- (2). **HE HAD FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE OF THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF GOD.**
  - (a). **HE HAD KILLED A LION AND A BEAR .**
  - (b). **RE HAD KILLED GOLIATH WITH A SLING SHOT.**
- (3). **HE HAD RISEN FROM A SHEPHERD BOY TO THE THRONE OF ISRAEL.**
  - (a). **HE HAD INDEED GONE FROM RAGS TO RICHES.**

(C). **WHEN A PERSON GETS ON TOP AS DAVID WAS, HE IS IN A DANGEROUS POSITION.**

- (1). **WHEN YOU ARE ON TOP, THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO GO AND THAT IS DOWN.**
- (2). **WHEN YOU GET ON TOP, YOU BECOME THE PRIME TARGET OF SATAN.**
- (3). **WHEN YOU GET ON TOP, YOU ARE WATCHED CLOSELY AND CRITICIZED SEVERELY BY THOSE WHO ARE JEALOUS OF YOUR POSITION.**
- (4). **WHEN YOU GET ON TOP, YOU HAVE THE TEMPTATION TO THINK THAT YOU ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU REALLY ARE.**
- (5). **WHEN YOU GET ON TOP, YOU HAVE THE TEMPTATION TO MISUSE YOUR POWER AND BECOME A TYRANT RATHER THAN A SERVANT.**

- (D). WHEN DAVID GOT ON TOP, SATAN DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME IN GETTING TO HIM.**
- (1). ONE NIGHT WHEN THE ARMED FORCES OF ISRAEL WERE ENGAGED IN A STRATEGIC BATTLE, DAVID REMAINED AT HOME IN THE PALACE.**
- (a). HE GOT RESTLESS AND WALKED UP ON THE ROOF OF THE PALACE.**
- (b). HE LOOKED THROUGH THE WINDOW OF ANOTHER BUILDING AND SAW THE PROFILE OF A SHAPELY WOMAN NAME BATHSHEBA.**
- (c). INSTEAD OF LOOKING IN ANOTHER DIRECTION, HE STARED WITH INTENSE INTEREST.**
- (2). AND WHEN SATAN SAW DAVID'S LUSTFUL EYES, HE BEGAN TO PUT IDEAS IN HIS HEAD.**
- (a). SATAN REMINDED DAVID THAT SINCE HE WAS AN ABSOLUTE MONARCH, HE COULD HAVE ANY WOMAN HE DESIRED.**
- (3). AND DAVID SENT ONE OF HIS SERVANTS AND HAD BATHSHEBA BROUGHT TO HIM.**
- (a). EVENTHOUGH SHE WAS THE WIFE OF ONE OF HIS ARMY CAPTAINS, HE IMPOSED HIS WILL UPON HER AND COMMITTED ADULTERY.**
- (b). NO MATTER HOW BATHSHEBA FELT ABOUT THIS ADULTEROUS ACT, SHE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY THE ORDERS OF KING DAVID.**

**(II). WHEN DAVID LEARNED THAT HIS “ONE NIGHT STAND” WAS GOING TO HAVE LASTING CONSEQUENCES. HE BEGAN MAKING PLANS FOR A COVER UP.**

- (A). HE GAVE URIAH AN INSTANT FURLOUGH.**
- (1). HE CAUSED URIAH TO DRINK HEAVILY AND THEN TRIED TO GET HIM TO GO HOME AND SPEND SOME TIME WITH HIS WIFE.**
  - (2). URIAH, BEING GUIDED BY HIS CONSCIENCE, COUPLED WITH AN UNSEEN POWER, REFUSED TO FALL INTO DAVID’S TRAP.**
- (B). DAVID THEN GAVE GENERAL JOAB ORDERS TO PUT URIAH ON THE FRONT LINE IN BATTLE WHERE HE WOULD BE KILLED.**
- (1). JOAB OBEYED AND IN A FEW DAYS URIAH WAS KILLED IN BATTLE.**
- (C). WHEN THE NEWS OF URIAH’S DEATH CAME TO FELT THAT THE CASE WAS CLOSED AND HIS TROUBLES WERE OVER.**
- (1). AT THIS TIME, IT HAD OCCURRED TO HIM THAT HE HAD BECOME AN ADULTERER AND A MURDERER.**
  - (2). HE HAD BEEN SO BUSY IN HIS SINFUL PURSUITS AND THE COVER UP, THAT HE HAD NOT STOPPED TO REALIZE WHAT A SCOUNDREL HE HAD BEEN.**
  - (3). ONE OF SATAN’S FAVORITE TACTICS IS TO ALLOW A PERSON TO HAVE SO MUCH FUN WHILE HE IS ON HIS WAY TO HELL, THAT HE WILL FORGET WHERE HE IS GOING.**

- (D). BUT THERE IS ONE THING I LIKE ABOUT GOD, HE ALWAYS HAS A WAY OF BRINGING OUR SINS BEFORE US.**
- (1). THE PROPHET NATHAN CAME TO DAVID AND ASKED HIS ADVICE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH A RICH MAN WHO HAD BYPASSED HIS OWN FLOCK AND TAKEN THE ONLY LAMB OF ONE OF HIS POOR NEIGHBORS.**
  - (2). AND BEFORE REALIZING THAT NATHAN WAS REFERRING TO HIM, DAVID INCRIMINATED HIMSELF, AND PRONOUNCED HIS OWN DEATH SENTENCE.**
    - (a). “THAT MAN SHALL SURELY DIE”.**
  - (3). AND WHEN DAVID MADE THAT STATEMENT, NATHAN SAID, “THOU ART THE MAN”.**
  - (4). THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS THE MOST PAINFUL UTTERANCE THAT DAVID HAD EVER HEARD.**
  - (5). THESE WORDS HIT HIM LIKE A TON OF BRICKS.**
  - (6). THESE WORDS BY NATHAN SEEM TO CUT THE LINES OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNICATION, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE, DAVID EXPERIENCED THE TRAGEDY OF BEING CUT OFF FROM GOD.**
- (E). DAVID TRIED TO PUT ON A FRONT, AND ACT AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED. BUT DEEP DOWN INSIDE HE WAS A MISERABLE MAN. HE HAD LOST THE JOY OF HIS SALVATION.**

- (1). HE TRIED TO SING, “THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD” BUT THERE WAS NO FEELING IN HIS SINGING.
  - (2). HE TRIED TO PRAY BUT HIS WORDS SEEM TO BOUNCE OFF THE CEILING AND HIT HIM IN THE FACE.
  - (3). HE TRIED TO READ THE HOLY SCRIPTURE BUT INSTEAD OF GETTING COMFORT AND RELIEF, THE PAIN GREW WORSE.
- (F). AFTER DAVID’S CONSCIENCE CONVICTED HIM SO STRONGLY, HE REALIZED THAT THE ONLY WAY HE COULD GET RELIEF WOULD BE TO REPENT OF HIS SIN AND THROW HIMSELF ON THE MERCY OF GOD.
- (III). LET US LISTEN TO THE 51ST PSALM WHICH IS THE PRAYER THAT DAVID PRAYED.
- (A). “HAVE MERCY UPON ME, O GOD ACCORDING TO THY LOVING KINDNESS.”
- (1). “I’M NOT ASKING FOR JUSTICE, FOR JUSTICE TEACHES, “AN EYE FOR AN EYE AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH”.
  - (2). “JUSTICE WOULD PUT A ROPE AROUND MY NECK”.
  - (3). “JUSTICE WOULD PUT MY HEAD ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK”.
- (B). “I ACKNOWLEDGE MY TRANSGRESSIONS AND MY SINS ARE EVER BEFORE THEE.”
- (1). “THERE IS NOT AN HOUR IN THE DAY THAT I AM NOT REMINDED OF MY SINS.”

(C). **“CREATE WITHIN ME A CLEAN HEART O GOD,”**

- (1). **MY HEART IS CORRODED WITH LUST,**
- (2). **MY HEART IS FILLED WITH PRIDE AND GREED.**
- (3). **MY HEART IS CONTAMINATED WITH HATRED.**
- (4). **MY HEART IS INFESTED WITH ENVY AND JEALOUSY.**

(D). **“RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF THY SALVATION.”**

- (1). **“IF IT IS CONSISTENT WITH YOUR DIVINE WILL, PLEASE GIVE ME BACK MY JOY THAT I ONCE KNEW.**
- (2). **“I FEEL THAT I AM STILL SAVED, BUT I FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO REJOICE ABOUT MY SALVATION.”**
- (3). **“I HAVE ALL OF THE MATERIAL BENEFITS THAT ONE COULD DESIRE, BUT I HAVE NO JOY.”**
- (4). **I HAVE A LUXURIOUS PALACE TO LIVE IN, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY JOY.**
- (5). **“I HAVE CHARIOTS TO RIDE iN, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY JOY.**
- (6). **I HAVE SILVER AND GOLD, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY JOY.**
- (7). **“I HAVE DIAMONDS AND PEALS, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY JOY.**
- (8). **I HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY JOY.**

- (9). **I WANT TO FEEL THE FIRE OF JOY  
BURNING IN MY SOUL.”**
  - (10). **“I WANT TO FEEL THE WHEEL OF JOY  
TURNING IN MY HEART.”**
  - (11). **I WANT TO SING LIKE I USE TO SING::**
  - (12). **“I WANT TO SHOUT LIKE I USE TO  
SHOUT.”**
  - (13). **“I WANT TO FEEL LIKE I USE TO FEEL.”  
CONCLUSION: I DON’T KNOW ABOUT  
YOU, BUT SOMETIMES I GET IN THE SAME  
PREDICAMENT AS DAVID.**
- (A). **BECAUSE OF UNCONFESED SIN I LOSE THE  
JOY OF MY SALVATION.**
- (1). **I SING, BUT I DON’T FEEL ANYTHING.**
  - (2). **I PRAY, BUT I CAN’T SEEM TO GET IN  
CONTACT WITH GOD.**
  - (3). **I PREACH, BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT DON’T  
SEEM TO BE NO WHERE AROUND.**
  - (4). **I MORN AND GROAN IN MY SPIRIT BUT I  
CAN’T FIND COMFORT NOWHERE.**
- (B). **MANY OF OUR CHURCHES HAVE BECOME  
“SPIRITUAL REFRIGERATORS. AND  
ECCLESIASTICAL ICE BOXES.”**
- (1). **WE HAVE STAIN GLASS WINDOWS, BUT  
NO JOY.**
  - (2). **WE HAVE CARPET ON THE FLOOR, BUT  
NO JOY.**
  - (3). **WE HAVE AIR CONDITION, BUT NO JOY.**

- (4). WE HAVE A NEW ORGAN, BUT NO JOY.
- (5). WE HAVE A STEINWAY PIANO, BUT NO JOY.
- (6). WE HAVE PADDED PEWS, BUT NO JOY.
- (7). WE RAISE A LOT OF MONEY, BUT NO JOY.
- (8). WE HAVE A LARGE MEMBERSHIP, BUT NO JOY.
- (9). WE HAVE GOOD CHOIRS, BUT NO JOY.
- (10). WE HAVE EDUCATED PREACHERS, BUT NO JOY.

(C). TO REPAIR OUR JOY. WE MUST LOSE OUR PRIDE AND REPENT OF OUR SINS.

- (1). WE MUST PRAY, “O LORD I COME TO THEE, A SINNER ALL DEFILED.”
- (2). TAKE THE STAIN OF GUILT AWAY, AND OWN ME AS THY CHILD.
- (3). I CAN NOT LIVE IN SIN AND FEEL MY SAVIOR’S LOVE, MY BLOOD CAN MAKE MY SPIRIT CLEAN, AND WRITE MY NAME ABOVE.” WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN.

**YES, JESUS SHED HIS BLOOD, TO MAKE OUR SPIRIT CLEAN. EARLY FRIDAY MORNING, HE DIED ON THE CROSS. BUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, HE ROSE WITH ALL POWER IN HIS HAND.**

**“JESUS PAID IT ALL”**

**“THERE IS POWER, POWER, WONDER WORKING POWER, IN THE PRECIOUS, BLOOD OF THE LAMB.”**