

WE HAVE A GREAT SALVATION!

Sunday, December 1, 2024 – First Advent Sunday: HOPE – Pastor Ben Nistor

1 Peter 1:10–12

English Standard Version (ESV)

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REVIEW – LAST WEEK: ‘Zechariah 9 – The Return of the King’

- 1) God progressively reveals that it is His MASTER PURPOSE for creation and humanity to fully establish His divine kingdom here on earth. His work is perfect towards that end.
- 2) God’s coming will claim His land, through His King, for His people.
 - Zechariah 9:9 ‘colt/donkey prophecy’ → Fulfilled in Jesus Christ’s entrance to Jerusalem.
(See Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–44; John 12:12–19)
 - Zechariah 9:11 ‘blood covenant’ → Fulfilled in Jesus’s new covenant.
(See Matthew 26:26–29)

CONTEXT of 1 PETER 1:10–12 ... ‘Concerning this Salvation’

- 1) In the immediate context, Peter is referring to ultimate salvation, which is the outcome of genuine Christian faith (1 Peter 1:8–9).
 - The outcome of genuine faith is a saved soul.
 - The outcome of genuine faith is seeing the Savior.

- 2) In the Bible, there are several examples of prophets longing to see Jesus’s salvation:

John 8:56 Jesus speaking...

“Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”

Hebrews 11:24–26

“24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.”

Luke 9:30–32 (see also 2 Peter 1:16–19)

30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Luke 10:23–24

“Turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

WHAT A GREAT SALVATION!

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HOW WE KNOW OUR SALVATION IS GREAT:

Main Idea: Peter wants Christians to know that the salvation they have in Jesus Christ is far greater than what any Old Testament prophet or heavenly angel could ever fathom.

- 1) The prophets longed for Christ and His salvation – v 10

‘The prophets ... searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time...’

There are over 300 messianic predictions in the Major and Minor prophets.

Many prophets longed for the fulfillment of God’s promises. They asked, “HOW LONG?”

(Isaiah 6:10–11; Jeremiah 47:6; Daniel 12:6; Habakkuk 1:2; Zechariah 1:12; Psalm 13:1; Luke 1:5–80)

- 2) The Spirit of Christ foretold the Great Salvation – v 11

‘The Spirit of Christ...predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.’

Christ has been contemplating His sufferings and glorification from the very beginning of time.

Christ has been willing to give His life for sinners for ages before He became incarnate.

Christ has graciously loved us for far longer than any person can imagine.

- 3) The prophets selflessly served other generations through their faithfulness – v 12a

‘It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you.’

The prophets provided the confirmation of Jesus’s death and resurrection for early Christians.

Peter writes several hundred years after the prophets – MANY GENERATIONS!

God used the prophets to build up longing for Jesus’s salvation. *‘It was revealed to them...’*

- 4) The Holy Spirit confirmed Christ’s salvation through the preaching of the Gospel – v 12b

*‘in the things that have now been announced to you **through those** who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven’*

True Christian proclamation sees Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of all God’s promises.

See Acts 2:14–40 to see how Peter applied the OT promises to Jesus.

- 5) The angels are intrigued by Christ’s great salvation – v 12c

‘things into which angels long to look’

Angels see reality from God’s perspective and take immense interest in our salvation.

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

- 1) THANK GOD for salvation → We are recipients of God’s greatest blessing: Jesus Christ.
- 2) Meditate on God’s great salvation → Study OT prophecy and NT fulfillment (see attached page)
- 3) Fight sin knowing that Christ’s salvation is more valuable than fleeting pleasures.
- 4) Search and inquire for the sake of the next generation of believers.
- 5) Teach others that Christ is the fulfillment of all God’s promises.

ANCIENT PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN JESUS CHRIST

These are some of the most clear prophecies/fulfillments that bridge God’s redemptive plan. Study these carefully to gain a greater appreciation of Christ’s salvation.

	<i>OT Prophecy</i>	<i>NT Fulfillment</i>
<i>The Son of God</i>	Psalm 2:7	Matthew 3:17; Luke 1:32, 35
<i>The seed of woman</i>	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4–7
<i>The seed of Abraham</i>	Genesis 17:7; 22:18	Matthew 1:1; Gal 3:16
<i>The tribe of Judah</i>	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33; Revelation 5:5
<i>The seed of David</i>	Psalm 132:11; Isaiah 9:6	Acts 13:23; Romans 1:3
<i>Born in Bethlehem</i>	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4–6
<i>Born of a virgin</i>	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22–23
<i>Called Immanuel</i>	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22–23
<i>Children of Bethlehem slain</i>	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16–18
<i>Being called out of Egypt</i>	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:15
<i>Being anointed with the Spirit</i>	Isaiah 11:2; 42:1; 61:1	Matthew 3:16; John 3:34
<i>Being a Prophet likened to Moses</i>	Deuteronomy 18:15–18	Acts 3:20–22; John 6:14
<i>A Priest in the order of Melchizedek</i>	Psalm 110:4	Hebrews 5:5–6
<i>Public entry into ministry</i>	Isaiah 61:1–2	Luke 4:16–21, 43
<i>Ministry beginning in Galilee</i>	Isaiah 9:1–2	Matthew 4:12–16, 23
<i>Bears our diseases</i>	Isaiah 53:4	Matthew 8:14–17
<i>Makes many righteous</i>	Isaiah 53:10–11	Romans 5:1–2; 18–19
<i>Entering publicly into Jerusalem</i>	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:1–5
<i>A Shepherd for God’s people</i>	Ezekiel 34:1–3	1 John 10:1–18