



***Equipped for The Inevitable  
“Your Great Salvation”***

**1 Peter 1:10-12**

Humanity is in desperate need of being saved, not only from eternal punishment in hell, but also from itself. Sin has completely and utterly separated us from any understanding for which humankind was truly created.

We have become so enamored with stuff; things that we can see, touch, smell, feel and experience. We have no sense of what we are designed to be. If it were not for the grace of God and His intentional work of redemption, we would be lost in a self-destructive, self-absorption existence, with no hope or no way of knowing true peace and true satisfaction.

Peter ends this great doxology and praise of God, that he began in verse one and ends in verse twelve, with a reminder of just how great our salvation truly is. From the prophets to angels, what we have in Christ is the most incredible thing in all creation.

***\*\*YOUR great salvation was the theme of the writings and study of the Old Testament prophets. (1 Peter 1:10-11a)***

***“Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time...”***

The Old Testament prophets were God’s spokesmen “...***who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours...***” They then pursued the meaning of their own prophetic writings to know all they could about God’s promised salvation.

From Moses to Malachi, all of the Old Testament prophets were fascinated by the promises of salvation. However, they did not merely ***desire*** to receive that salvation; the ***actually*** obtained it. They received the gift of salvation without seeing Jesus Christ or having a relationship with Him. Though the prophets wrote about the Messiah, they never comprehended all that was involved in Christ’s life, death, and resurrection.

***\*\*YOUR great salvation was the theme of the Holy Spirit’s inspiration. (1 Peter 1:11b-12a)***

***“...the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you...”***

The writings of the Old Testament prophets were inspired entirely by the Holy Spirit. And the overall theme of those prophecies as given by inspiration by the Holy Spirit was twofold: “...*the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.*”

**\*\*YOUR great salvation was the theme of the apostles’ preaching. (1 Peter 1:12b)**

***“...in the things that have now been announced to you though those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven...”***

The Holy Spirit not only inspired the Old Testament prophets, but also the New Testament apostles, who took the fully revealed gospel as the theme of their preaching. “...*the things...*” again refers to the salvation grace that was to come, and specifically to the person of Christ and the present proclamation of the gospel.

**\*\*YOUR great salvation is the theme of the angels’ examination. (1 Peter 1:12c)**

***“...things into which angels long to look.”***

Many believers wonder what the angels know and experience in the spiritual and invisible realm. Scripture tells us some of the things angels do: oppose demons, carry messages from God, and divinely serve in other ways.

The angels want to get down close and look deeply into the matters related to salvation. They have a holy curiosity to understand the kind of grace they will never experience. The holy angels do not need to be saved; the fallen angels cannot be saved. But the holy ones seek to understand salvation so they might glorify God more fully; this is their primary reason for existence.

Believers desire to have eternal holiness and experience glory and fellowship with the Trinity as the elect angels do. Conversely, the angels wonder what it is like to experience the grace and glory of salvation through God’s forgiveness from sin. Peter says they continually look with fascination into the greatness of your salvation.

*No matter how difficult life’s circumstances and trials are, we can face them triumphantly because of the greatness of God’s grace in giving us our great salvation.*

*The prophets wrote about and studied this salvation; the Holy Spirit inspired it; the apostles preached it, and the angels continue to investigate it.*

**This is YOUR great salvation!**

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