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God is our Saviour – Pt1 God was Israel's Saviour by His angel

This is our first study on the topic – God is our Saviour. In our previous teaching on the topic – God is our Father we established three points – (1) Jesus had access to His Father, (2) the disciples had access to the Father, and (3) Christians are made nigh to the Father by the blood of Christ. In this teaching we establish three points – (1) The Lord God was Israel's Saviour, (2) There is none beside God who is Saviour (3) Israel forgot that God was their Saviour.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. The Lord God was Israel's Saviour.

* He gave Egypt for their ransom – “For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom...” (Is.43: 3).

* He **saved them from their enemies**

“And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppressteth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the Lord your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies” (Num.10: 9).

2. There is none beside God who is a Saviour

“Tell ye...who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me” (Is.45: 21).

3. Israel forgot God was their Saviour

“They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt” (Ps.106: 21).

Illustration

When the nation of Israel has been at war with Iran there have been records of missiles miraculously falling short of civilians, and turning aside from targets. Such events shows God the Father is helping to defend Israel as a nation – that is “beloved for the father's sakes” (Rom.11: 28). So for those who choose to war against that land do so in vain, for there is none beside God who is a Saviour!

Questions to think about.

- i) Is God the Saviour of the church?
- ii) What is the similarity between God being Saviour for Israel and for the church?

Answers from the scriptures

i) Paul affirmed to the churches that God is our Saviour – “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour...” (1 Tim.1: 1). See – 1 Tim.2: 3.

ii) The similarities between God being Saviour for Israel and the church are–

- a) God saved the nation of Israel (physically) by an angel of the Lord and God saves the lost who are born into the body of Christ **by His Son** the Lord Jesus.
- b) God saved David from his enemies when he cried unto Him, and through the Lord Jesus He saves us in the body when we cry unto Him during our times of tribulation.

Next week we pick up the theme – that God is our Saviour by His Son the Lord Jesus, and establish from the Scriptures that Christ Himself is also our Saviour!

Question to think about for next week– if there is NO other Saviour beside the Lord thy God, then how can Christ Jesus also be our Saviour?