

Salvation. What it is and what it reveals about God.

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“Broadly speaking, one might say that salvation is the overriding theme of the entire Bible.

Of the many Hebrew words used to signify **salvation**, *yasa* (*meaning: to save, help in distress, to rescue, deliver, or set free*) appears most frequently in the Old Testament. Commonly, the deliverance of which the Old Testament speaks is material in nature, though there are important exceptions. In contrast, the employment of *soteria* in the New Testament, though it may include material preservation, usually signifies a deliverance with special spiritual significance. In addition to the notion of deliverance the Bible also uses salvation to denote health, well-being, and healing.” -*Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*

Salvation in the Old Testament:

Save (from slavery): Ex. 14:30 That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians (The Exodus)

Help in Distress: 2 Kings 6:26 As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, “Help me, my lord the king!” Genesis 4:1/Deuteronomy 33:29

Rescue: 1 Samuel 17:37 the Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.

Deliver: Psalm 3:3-8 Arise, Lord! Deliver me, my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw...⁸ From the Lord comes deliverance. Judges 3:15 (20 times in book of Judges)

Restore (Civic/Religious): Hos. 1:7 Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them.”

Salvation in the New Testament:

Jesus’s name: Matt.1:21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Help in Distress: Matt.8:25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

Restore (physically): Mark 6:56 And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.”

Save (others): 1 Cor.7:16 How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

1 Cor.9:22 I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

Delivered (Declared innocent - past & future): Rom. 5:9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! (Rom. 8:1)

Saved (Present Purpose): 2 Tim 1:9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

God’s Motivation? Ephesians 2:4-5 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Rom.6:8-9; Rom. 8:11; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6:4)

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