

He Is Able (The characteristics of an uttermost salvation)

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Selected Verses:

Hebrews 7:25. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Opening:

[Congregational worship and praise]

Dear Lord, we thank You for all the things You've done for us today. We thank You for the words You've caused us to hear tonight. We thank You for Your presence. We thank You, Lord Jesus, for the power of Your blood, and the power of the Holy Ghost. And we thank You because we believe You're having Your way with us, and You've changed us. â€

If you give me three minutes time, I'd like to call your attention to one more verse that was mentioned which went right into my soul. It was this: "Wherefore He is able also to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth, making intercession for them."â€

My salvation hangs on this one fact: that Jesus is able. If it depended upon my ability, or if it depended on the Pope, or a preacher, or a human being, or an organization, or an evangelist, or religion, or my goodness, or my birth from Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob, I would be lost forever. But it doesn't depend on that; it depends on my coming to One who is able "abundantly able.

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Selected Quotes:

Oh, beloved, when your heart hungers and thirsts after righteousness, nothing satisfies. God Almighty the Holy Ghost shines through your soul and shows you the corruption of your self-life "your religious, your spiritual self-life: so corrupt that nothing can save you but Jesus Christ. That's why he says, "Them that come unto God by Him." That's salvation.

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Isn't that what's the matter with people? They don't confess their sin. They're ashamed to confess the sin. And Jesus was not ashamed to bleed and to be spat upon and to be lacerated with the scourge. And we're ashamed to confess our faults. We're so conceited and so proud, we hide it. And as long as we can hide our sin, it's okay.â€

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Beloved, it's time that God had a living epistle: men and women in whose hearts and lives Jesus Christ has been incorporated "sons of God without rebuke" as we heard a while ago. Jesus is able to do that. Oh, thank you, my Lord Jesus Christ. You have opened Your heart wide and You've said, "Come and abide in Me in I in you."â€

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Do you know why praise is so wonderful? When you praise God here on earth, you confess Him. He confesses you before the Father. There's contact made. When you confess Him before men in your shop and in your office, there's a wonderful scene going on in the Holiest of All, in the very secret place of the Most High: Jesus confesses your name before the Father and before His angels.â€

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Beloved, He's begotten us unto a living hope. And He holds for us an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us. And now He says, "If need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptation, that the trial of your faith being found much more precious than of gold though it be tried by fire might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."â€

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Illustrations:

The story of a man under Peter Cartwrightâ€™s ministry who prayed through to a genuine salvation. â€œThis little preacher went up to [the praying man] and patted him on his back, like we do it today. â€˜All you have to do is believe. Youâ€™re okay. Why, Jesus died for you. Just be at peace.â€™ Peter Cartwrightâ€™ yelled at him, â€˜Go on! Pray! Thereâ€™s no peace in hell!â€™â€ (from 4:56)

Professing Christians who are not saved from sin. â€œThe preacher sitting next to me took me to task after the meeting. He said, â€˜How did you dare talk like that? How did you dare talk about sinâ€™hidden sin? These were all saints.â€™ It wasnâ€™t a week before one of them was exposed as an adulterer.â€ (from 7:14)

Stories of devastation in Germany after World War II and the short-lived hunger for the gospel there. (from 14:43)

German at 24:13:

Du hast gut lachen! â€˜ Itâ€™s all very well for you to laugh!