

THE SWORD

February 5, 2023



Psalm 28:7 (KJV)

The LORD is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusted in him,
and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;
and with my song will I praise him.



Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Experience: 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 P.M.

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Person of the Week

Moses Exodus

Moses. Great leader of the Hebrew people who brought them out of bondage in Egypt to the Promised Land in Canaan; also the one who gave them the Law at Mt Sinai that became the basis for their religious faith through the centuries. Focused in this one person are the figures of prophet, priest, lawgiver, judge, intercessor, shepherd, miracle worker, and founder of a nation.

The meaning of his name is uncertain. It has been explained as a Hebrew word meaning “to draw out” (Ex 2:10; cf. 2 Sm 22:17; Ps 18:16). If, however, it is an Egyptian name given him by the daughter of Pharaoh who found him, it is more likely from an Egyptian word for “son” (also found as part of many well-known Egyptian names such as Ahmose, Thutmose, and Rameses). No one else in the OT bears this name.

Without question the greatest figure in the OT (mentioned by name 767 times), his influence also extends to the pages of the NT (where he is mentioned 79 times). The first 40 years of his life were spent in the household of Pharaoh (Acts 7:23), where he was instructed in “all the wisdom of the Egyptians” (v 22). The next 40 years he spent in Midian as a fugitive from the wrath of Pharaoh after killing an Egyptian who was mistreating a Hebrew (vv 23–30). His last 40 years were devoted to leading the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt to the land God had promised to Abraham and his descendants (Gn 12:1–3). He died at the age of 120 after leading the Israelites successfully through 40 years of wandering in the wilderness to the very edge of the Promised Land on the east side of the Jordan River (Dt 34:7). He is one of the great figures in all of history, a man who took a group of slaves and, under inconceivably difficult circumstances, molded them into a nation that has influenced and altered the entire course of history.

Minister's Minutes

Covered And Protected

*"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust:
his truth shall be thy shield and buckler." Ps. 91:4*

A condescending simile indeed! Just as a hen protects her brood and allows them to nestle under her wings, so will the Lord defend His people, and permit them to hide away in Him. Have we not seen the little chicks peeping out from under the mother's feathers? Have we not heard their little cry of contented joy? In this way let us shelter ourselves in our God, and feel overflowing peace in knowing that He is guarding us.

While the Lord covers us we trust. It would be strange if we did not. How can we distrust when Jehovah Himself becomes house and home, refuge and rest to us?

This done, we go out to war in His name and enjoy the same guardian care. We need shield and buckler, and when we implicitly trust God, even as the chick trusts the hen, we find His truth arming us from head to foot. The Lord cannot lie; He must be faithful to His people; His promise must stand. This sure truth is the entire shield we need. Behind it we defy the fiery darts of the enemy.

Come, my soul, hide under those great wings, lose thyself among those soft feathers! How happy thou art!

Announcements

- Let us keep all those who have lost loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.
- We would like to wish a happy birthday and/or anniversary to everyone who is celebrating this week.
- National Youth Conference will be July 8-13, 2023 at the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, SC for \$325 per person.
- Church Zoom Information for Sunday School, Sunday Worship and Adult Wednesday Night Class:
Meeting ID: 915 0578 2664 Password: 859242 Call In Number: 1-346-248-7799
- Youth Midweek Bible Study Zoom Link: **Meeting ID: 851 7396 0683**
- How to Study the Bible Class: New Zoom Link starting **Sunday, January 8, 2023: Zoom Information - Meeting ID: 994 1559 2898 Password: Jesus**

Continuous Announcements

- Every 2nd Sunday Marsalis Avenue host a Zoom Grief Support Meeting at 4PM (Meeting ID: 880 4065 3591, Passcode: 411521)
- California Avenue Church of Christ in Bakersfield, CA host a Sunday Evening Spiritual Encouragement Hour each week on Zoom at 7:30PM central time (Meeting ID: 985 543 3927, Passcode: 1020cal)

Prayer List

Darryl Sims Strickland Family Paul Mitchel Asher Evans Kevin Pratt Gary Walker Ruby Fulbright
Lonny Lewis Charlesetta Jones Annie Phelps Regina Melba Jackson Ethel Mae Perry Samantha
Felton Davenport

What is the Plan of Salvation?

I Peter 1:20 (NASB) says, “For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you.” Before God said let there be light, the plan for mankind’s salvation had already been created by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Before God formed man from the dust of the earth, the heavenly trinity had already established a plan for the redemption of mankind. Before God beheld that all He created was “very good” and decided to rest on the seventh day, the Godhead formulated a mystery that would be revealed to reunite mankind with God. We must be thankful to God that His love for us reached back before there was an us. In knowing this, we should follow after the WORD that was made flesh and dwelt amongst us without hesitation. Jesus the Christ is everything that we need (II Peter 1:2–4).

Hear the Gospel of Jesus the Christ (Romans 10:14). One must hear the glorious message that Jesus the Christ sacrificially died for the penalty of our sin, and that he was raised from the dead by the power of God.

Believe in Jesus the Christ (Hebrews 11:6). One must believe that Jesus was more than just a man, but the Christ.

Repent in the name of Jesus the Christ (Luke 24:46–47). Repentance is required; however, it is not said to take away sin, but rather it produces in us a desire to be vindicated by Jesus the Christ.

Confess that Jesus the Christ is the Son of God (Acts 8:36–37). A person must be willing to make the greatest proclamation ever known to mankind, and that is Jesus the Christ is the Son of God.

Be baptized for the remission of sins in the name of Jesus the Christ (Acts 2:38). Baptism is not a sign of salvation, but rather a New Testament requirement for salvation. The action emulates our Lord and Savior’s death, burial and resurrection.

Being faithful until death like Jesus the Christ (Philippians 2:4–8). If we stay faithful to God’s will, God’s word and God’s way, we will have a home not made with hands awaiting us some day.

What is the Plan of Salvation? How do I become a Christian?

The Answer: JESUS the CHRIST

Sermon Notes for 2.5.2023

Speaker: Ramón Hodridge

Text: Luke 9:23-27

Title: A Cross Life

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