

the angels long to look, yet...

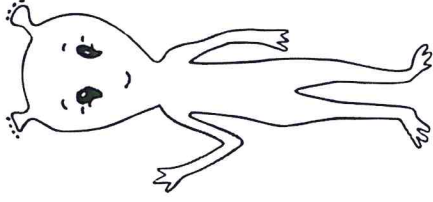
Understanding your salvation provides...

...greater assurance in the face of trials

...greater appreciation for what you are a part of

...greater ability to praise God as He is due

Is your praise of God *informed* praise...or, is it shallow praise, assumed praise, or inactive praise?



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How to Live Like an Alien
The First Letter of Peter
No. 4 – Praise God for
Our Salvation, pt. 3
1 Peter 1:10-12
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Review

The apostle Peter, writing to Christians who are both *elect* and *exiles*...

- Praise God for Our Salvation...because He has begotten us, because He is guarding us....
- Praise God...by rejoicing in our salvation even when going through trials...by recognizing that joy is tied to future salvation, not present circumstances, by acknowledging that trials in life are necessary, by loving Jesus according to what we believe, not what we see....

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1 Peter 1:10-12

ESV 1 Peter 1: ¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

How can you *speak well-of* (praise) God?

Praising God for our salvation...

...by REJOICING in our salvation even when going through trials (vv. 6-9)

...by **UNDERSTANDING** the (historic and cosmic) **significance of our salvation** (vv. 10-12)

In other words, we need to be biblically informed *about* our salvation in order to properly praise God for our salvation...

'Concerning this salvation' (v. 10)

- salvation is the broad theme in 1:3-12 (cf. 1:5, 9, 10)
- this passage (1:3-12) opens the letter by encouraging praise to God for salvation:
- even believers living as exiles (aliens) can and should praise God
- and Peter helps *exiled* believers know *why* they should praise God (vv. 3-5), and *how* they should praise God (vv. 6-9, 10-12)

What has Peter already said about salvation?

- all those who have salvation are **elect** (v. 1)
- they are elect according to God's **foreknowledge** (v. 2)
- their election became effective by the Spirit's **sanctification** (v.2)
- they were elected to be dedicated and **obedient** to Jesus (v. 2)
- as those who are elect, they are recipients of God's ongoing **grace** and **peace** (v. 2)
- God causes all those who are **elect** to be **born again** by His **mercy** (v. 3)
- being born again provides a **living hope** because of Jesus' resurrection
- all those who are born again are assured of an **inheritance** in heaven (v. 4)
- **salvation**, which includes all of the favor of God on those who are born again, will be fully realized one day (v. 5)
- because of the surety of salvation, those who are born again have every reason to **rejoice** in this life, even if they face challenging trials (v. 6)
- in fact, God uses the challenging trials to develop the **faith** of those who are born again, so that they can receive praise one day (v. 7)
- because of their faith in Jesus, those who are born again can **love** Him even though they do not see Him, as they wait for their salvation to be fully realized (v. 9)

What does Peter say now (vv. 10-12) about 'this salvation'?

'the prophets...' (v. 10)

Who are the prophets?

Why does Peter connect them to 'this salvation' and 'you'?

- they are the ones who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours...
- they especially searched and inquired carefully—about what?
- they inquired particularly regarding *what person* or *what time*—in regards to what?

- they wanted to understand more regarding the *sufferings* and subsequent *glories* of the Christ...

'(but) it was revealed to them...' (v. 12)

- in regards to these things, they weren't serving themselves but 'you'...
- these things have now been announced to you by those who preached the gospel to you...
- they preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit who was sent from heaven...
- the angels long to look into these things...

Notice...the agency...the continuity...the discontinuity...the sovereignty...

Then

the prophets who prophesied about the sufferings and glories of Christ

Now

those who preached the good news to you

by the Spirit of Christ in them

by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven

Our salvation is a part of God's plan that stretches far back in history

the prophets who prophesied...

they were serving not themselves but you...

Our salvation is centered around a clear understanding of the person and work of Jesus Christ

concerning this salvation...

the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories...

these things have now been announced to you through the good news...

Our salvation is a gracious privilege which we can understand in a way that others could not

the prophets searched and inquired carefully, yet...