

Saved From What? Hosanna!

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[Psa 118:25-26 NASB] 25 O LORD, do save, we beseech You; O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity! 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; We have blessed you from the house of the LORD!

- Save from what?
- [Mat 21:9 NASB] 9 The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Hosanna in the highest!"
- Hosanna – 2 meanings 1. Please help or save, 2. Showing gratitude for saving
- 1800's and 1900's preachers had a fascination with preaching wrath, hell, sin
- Now preachers have a propensity to only preach love and grace of God
- Gospel message: "Jesus loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life."
- Results: There are now as many Americans who claim no religion as there are evangelicals and Catholics, a survey finds (<https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/13/us/no-religion-largest-group-first-time-usa-trnd/index.html>)
- The problem: Grace is nothing without wrath. [Rom 11:22 NASB] 22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.
- John Piper: Christ suffered and died to absorb the wrath of God.
 - [Gal 3:13 NASB] 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us--for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"—
 - [Rom 3:25 NASB] 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. [This was] to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;
 - [1Jo 4:10 NASB] 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins.
- **Propitiation:** Christ's death appeased God's just wrath. When Jesus died, He absorbed the punishment we deserved. Kevin DeYoung – Why We Are Not Emergent
 - [1Pe 2:21-24 NASB] 21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting [Himself] to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

What good is it to remind ourselves that we need to be saved from the wrath of God?

There are seven reasons we need to remind ourselves that we are saved from the wrath of God.

I. Keeps us honest about evangelism

- A. Your neighbor is going hell. That person you bumped into at the grocery store is going to hell. The gospel of Jesus Christ is their only hope. What are you going to do about it? Hint: you JUST being nice to them is not working.
- B. [Act 24:25 NASB] 25 But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you."

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II. Helps us forgive our enemies.

- A. [Rom 12:19 NASB] 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath [of God,] for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

III. Removes the fear of man so you can do what Jesus has called you to do.

- A. [Mat 10:28 NASB] 28 "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
- B. We will stop being afraid of what the world will do to us and more concerned about what God will do to us.
- C. "There is no cure for the fear of man like the fear of God." (Spurgeon)

IV. Motivates us to live holy.

- A. [Eph 2:3 NASB] 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- B. "We rightfully deserved God's wrath, and deserved it because of who we were by our heritage." (Guzik)

V. Helps to understand what mercy means.

- A. We were children of wrath. [Eph 2:3 NASB] 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- B. We stood condemned. [Jhn 3:18 NASB] 18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- C. We would have gone to hell without the mercy of God through Jesus. [Rom 5:10 NASB] 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

VI. Gives us a backdrop to grasp how wonderful heaven is.

- A. Jonathan Edwards wrote "Sinners in the hands of an angry God" also "Heaven is a world of love."
- B. He saw the terror of hell and beauty of heaven.
- C. [Rev 21:8 NASB] 8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part [will be] in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

VII. Teaches us to be ready for the Lord's return.

- A. We are lamps full, wicks trimmed, houses clean, vineyard tended, work being done, and talents invested.
- B. [1Pe 4:4-6 NASB] 4 In [all] this, they are surprised that you do not run with [them] into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign [you;] 5 but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to [the will of] God.

- This Palm Sunday lets grasp the two means of Hosanna!
 - Lord save me.
 - Lord thank You for saving me.