

The Mystery of Salvation

Scripture reading: Daniel 12:8-9

The whole Bible, the gospel of the Lord Jesus, is closed up in seven sealed mysteries. Daniel was told that he should "*seal up the book,*" because it would not be explained until the time of the end. Now, Jesus Christ began to open the seals. [Revelation 6 starts to tell us about the opening of these seals and the effect they would have in the realm of the world.]

The first mystery is the MYSTERY OF SALVATION which Jesus Christ opened up to us. Why do I say it is a mystery? Because not everyone understands it. Even some of us who have received salvation do not understand how, when, and why it works, and what the purpose is.

When God opens up deliverance for man, He brings man to a higher dimension where Satan has the right to attack him in a higher and greater way. When Jesus Christ received the anointing at His baptism, immediately the devil took occasion. Now he had the right to attack Him in a most frontal attack with greater boldness than he had done before. Because of this principle, when the church was born, Satan received the right to do certain things. This is why, when the seal opens, and the Word of God is released, the enemy is also released. This is a DOUBLE MESSAGE, two messages in one – the message of the glory of God and also the message of what happens in the earth when this is done.

Salvation is by the Blood of Jesus Christ. Most people do not understand the Blood. In the Tabernacle of Moses, God revealed it through symbolism. The bull was brought in through the gate by six men. No man comes to God because he loves God, or because he is beautiful and just knows the right place to go is to God. No! We were all hauled in against our will. God set circumstances to bring us in and to bring mankind into salvation. I believe that is why Adam and Eve did not eat of the tree of life. There is something awesome and awful about THE TREE OF LIFE. When you eat the tree of life, you begin to lose your natural life and gain immortal life.

In the Tabernacle, the bull was carried to the place of death, the Brazen Altar. They would tie him down to the four horns of this brass altar. Then they would slay the bull and take the dung and the skin, wrap it together and take it outside the camp to be burned. The meat was washed and ready on the fire of the altar of sacrifice. All this is symbolism telling us what happens to a person in salvation. He is beginning a new life and losing his natural life, preparing to go into the high priest and become one with the high priest Jesus Christ. The high priest puts the meat on the fire where it is roasted and takes it with him into the Holy Place to eat at the Table of Shewbread.

Salvation is when mankind accepts the Blood of Jesus Christ as payment for his sin and receives in turn LIFE instead of the wages of sin, which is DEATH. It is also a beginning of a journey that leads him into his destination in the Holy of Holies.

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Thought for today: Let us make sure of our salvation and continue with all diligence our journey into the Holy of Holies.