

# **A Promise of Salvation**

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being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

**B) Remember about his salvation:**

- 1) Possibly a Jew – lived in Palestine, not Roman, erring child of God (old cov)
- 2) Saved before new law/great commission.
  - a) Hebrews 9:16-17 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.
  - b) Death of Testator must come before Testament can be in affect.
- 3) May have been baptized already – John’s baptism.
- 4) While on earth, Jesus forgave sins as he saw fit.
  - a) Matthew 9:6 - But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.
  - b) Saw their faith:
    - (1) To the paralytic based on friend’s faith (Mk 2:5)
    - (2) A woman who washed His feet (Luke 7:48-50).
    - (3) Rich young ruler – Keep law; sell all; give to poor; follow Jesus. (Luke 18:18-28)

**Conclusion:**

**A) Be saved Like the Thief?**

- 1) Yes – by grace; right attitude; submit to Lordship of Jesus (Luke 13:3,5; Rom 10:9).
- 2) No – in exact circumstances; plan for rest of your time (Mark 16:15-16)

**B) Luke 19:10 - For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**

- 1) The thief was lost and so are we if we are not in Christ.

***Luke 23:43 - And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.***

**Introduction:**

**A) Cricifixion – most horrible execution; reserved for vilest criminals.**

- 1) See Smith’s Bible Dictionary p. 129-120.

**B) Tree being crucified in our text. (Only one of them would do)**

- 1) One was innocent.
- 2) Two were guilty.
- 3) Suffering Servant

- a) Isaiah 53-- Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and

he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

- 4) Forgiveness generously bestowed even upon the most unlikely of recipients; “even me”.

### Discussion:

#### I) The Person.

##### A) Criminals or Malefactors.

- 1) Luke 23:33 - And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.
- 2) Evildoers, lawbreakers.
- 3) 2 Timothy 2:9 - Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

##### B) Robbers.

- 1) Matthew 27:38 - Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.
- 2) Plunderer; rob openly by violence.
  - a) Belonging to lawless bands infesting Palestine.
  - b) Roman governors continually at war with them.
  - c) Possibly took part in Barabas' insurrection.

##### C) Transgressor.

- 1) Mark 15:27-28 - And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. 28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.
- 2) Violator of the law; lawless person.

##### D) Revilers.

- 1) Matthew 27:44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.
- 2) Mark 15:32 Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.
- 3) Upbraided reproach

#### II) The Penitence.

A) Luke 23:47-48 - Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. 48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.

- 1) Taunting turned to silence.
- 2) Silence turned to repentance.
- 3) Why?
  - a) They heard Jesus' prayer for mercy?

b) No one suffered like this man.

c) John 7:46 - The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

#### B) And one of the Malefactors also.

- 1) Luke 23:40-41 - But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.
- 2) He Rebuked his partner
  - a) “and us” – many would say “not me”.
  - b) “feared God” – he understood the coming judgment.
  - c) He confessed his own guilt – didn't make excuses.
  - d) Acknowledged justice of his penalty.
  - e) Affirmed Jesus' innocence.
- 3) Confessed Jesus as Lord.
  - a) Luke 23:42 - And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.
  - b) “Lord” – ruler; master.
  - c) Understood something about Jesus' Kingdom.
  - d) Asked for modest token of mercy – “remember me”

#### III) The Promise.

##### A) Of Salvation by Forgiveness of sins.

- 1) Sure – truly, assuredly, verily, amen.
  - a) Colossians 2:12 - Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.
- 2) Immediate – “today” – note noon yet, but Jesus knew he would die today,
  - a) Break legs.
  - b) No probation – immediate.
- 3) Personal – “you” – not based on family, friends, etc.
- 4) Full – “be with me in Paradise”
  - a) Luke 16:22-23 - And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes,