

MY SALVATION*

God Himself is our deliverance. Saving us from harm is not just what He does; it's Who He is.

SCRIPTURE†	MUSIC‡
Psalm 6 Psalm 18 Psalm 18:1–10; 46–47 Psalm 27 Psalm 27:1–6 (1) Psalm 38 Psalm 38:21–22 Psalm 40:1–5 Psalm 62:1–2 Psalm 118 Psalm 118:5–17 (14) Psalm 140 Isaiah 12 Isaiah 12:1–3 (2)	Amazing Grace Amazing Grace (arr. Forrest) SATB And Can It Be At the Cross Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy How Deep the Father's Love I Could Not Do without Thee (Curry) SATB I Run to Christ Made Me Free (Danner) SATB My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness My Savior (Koerts) SATB O for a Thousand Tongues Redeemed The King of Love My Shepherd Is The Lord Is My Salvation (Getty) Solo



* Theme fits in the **Psalms** series, in any order.

† Daily preparatory readings shown in **bold**.

‡ Published choral and vocal music shown in **bold**.

PRESENTING & PROMOTING THIS THEME

A PERSON, NOT JUST AN ACT

Throughout the Psalms, we see several times when God is called our Salvation. In these instances, the idea is not necessarily conversion in the New Covenant sense, but deliverance from trouble. When we need rescue, God is the One to Whom we look. This word “salvation” is not just a loose theological term, but rather a reference to a dramatic rescue—and not just the act of rescue. Salvation in this sense is a Person. It is in His nature to save. Salvation is a Person: God Himself.

In the Old Testament, God is called “my salvation” on multiple occasions, mostly in the context of songs. In the song of Moses following the rescue of Israel at the Red Sea, the people sing “He has become my salvation.” Job also said that God would be his salvation (13:16). This concept is repeated again and again in the psalms, including the psalm in the last chapter of Habakkuk. To say that God is “my salvation” takes a common term—salvation—and makes it very personal. While certainly including the idea of personal conversion, salvation encompasses so much more. In each of these instances, man acknowledge his need to be rescued by God—in any number of circumstances. And the same is true for us today who embrace the God of the Bible. God is the one who rescues and helps in all kinds of scenarios. I have someone who takes a personal interest in rescuing me. He is my—my!—salvation. So this morning, let us do as the saints of old did in their worship songs. Let’s exalt God, who is my salvation! (Pastor James Tilson)

NAMING CHILDREN

Psalm 27:1; Matthew 1:21 | *When parents pick a name for their new baby, they consider many things: the way it sounds, names of family members, who the name reminds them of, and what it means. When Mary was told she would conceive and give birth to the Messiah, the angel told her to name Him Jesus. The Hebrew name “Jeshua” literally means “Salvation.” This is the very word used in the Psalms (such as Psalm 27:1) when the psalmist calls Jehovah “my Salvation”—“My Jeshua.” Jesus was named for what He came to do, in fulfillment of this name for God in the Psalms. Jesus saves His people from their sins.*

As a teacher, I have learned the names of many children and one of the first things I teach them to do is write their names on their papers. When parents pick a name for their new baby, they consider many things: the way it sounds, names of family members, who the name reminds them of, and what it means. The Puritans often named a child for a quality they wanted the child to portray, such as Temperance, Prudence, or Virtue. Even now, a parent might name their daughter Grace, Hope, or Joy.

When Mary was told she would conceive and give birth to the Messiah, the angel told her to name Him Jesus (Mt. 1:21). The Hebrew name “Yeshua” comes from the verb “yasha” which means, “to save.” In the Old Testament it is translated as Joshua, and in the New as Jesus. It was a fairly common name at the time when Jesus was born, and He was often referred to as “Jesus of Nazareth,” to differentiate Him from others. His name literally means “Salvation.” If you can imagine Jesus in school, He would be writing “salvation” at the top of his papers.

Psalm 27:1 says, “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” If we were reading this verse in Hebrew, it would read, “The Lord is my light and my “yasha.”

Mary was told to name her son Jesus, for He would save His people from their sins. He was named for what He came to do. God planned that for all of eternity, this person is to be associated with this quality. Acts 4:12 says “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” His name is Salvation, and He is the only one who can save. **(Jillian Waycaster)**

Promotional Post: Why did your parents pick the name they did for you? In Scripture, names are significant, and at times prophetic. On a few occasions, God commands that a child be called by a certain name. The angel told Mary to name her child Jesus, “for He [would] save His people from their sins.” But God had been called that before, in the Psalms.

Join us this Sunday to worship the God who not only provides salvation but is Himself Salvation, in the person of Jesus Christ. Use these Scriptures this week to prepare for worship:

[Insert preparatory Scripture readings.]



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