

WHERE GOD HAS PLACED SALVATION

Acts 4:8-12

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Salvation is a very interesting and vital subject
- B. In some instances man is able to save himself (in some physical dangers and calamities) at other times he must depend on others to save him.
- C. Spiritually man must rely on God to save him.
- D. For our lesson today we want to consider some cases recorded in the Word of God concerning salvation and see just where God placed salvation.

DISCUSSION:

I. WHERE GOD PLACED SALVATION AT FLOOD Gen 6, 7

- A. Because of mankind the earth became filled with wickedness and God decided to destroy everything
- B. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord and God provided salvation for him and his family
- C. Noah followed God's instructions to the letter
 - 1. Made the ark by specifications
 - 2. Entered the ark as God commanded
 - 3. Flood came as God had forewarned
- D. Where did God place salvation at the flood?
 - 1. Were any saved outside the ark?
 - 2. Did others have the right to build another ark?
 - 3. Could they enter ark of their choice and be saved?
 - 4. Noah and his family saved through obedience.

II. WHERE GOD PLACED SALVATION IN EGYPT Ex 11, 12

- A. The children of Israel in Egyptian bondage because of sin and God decided to deliver them
- B. God brought plagues on Egyptians and they refused to let Israelites go.
- C. Last plague was death of first born and because of His love for Israel God provided them a way of salvation from this plague
- D. Israelites killed proper animal, sprinkled blood on doorpost and waited in the house as God had instructed them and their firstborn was not taken.
- E. Where did God place salvation? Ex 12:7-10
 - 1. Were any saved that were not under the blood?
 - 2. Were any saved by any other plan
 - 3. They were saved through obedience

III. WHERE GOD PLACED SALVATION IN WILDERNESS?

Num 21:5,6,8,9

- A. People grumbled and complained against God and Moses and were guilty of sin.
- B. Because of this sin God sent fiery serpents among them and many were bitten and died.

- C. Confessed sins and asked Moses to pray to for them.
- D. This, Moses did, and God provided a way of salvation
 - 1. He told Moses to make a brazen serpent and put it on a pole for the Israelites to look on
 - 2. All those who looked on this brazen serpent lived
- E. Where did God place salvation?
 - 1. Was it snake salvation?
 - 2. Were any healed that did not follow God's plan?
 - 3. Could a man look on the snake of his choice?

IV. WHERE GOD PLACED SALVATION FOR MAN TODAY?

Heb 5:8,9; Acts 2:47; Eph 5:23

- A. All have sinned Rom.3:23 in an unsaved condition
- B. God provided a way of salvation Lk 19:10 Christ came to seek and save the lost.
- C. Christ gave conditions of salvation Heb 1:1,2
 - 1. Must hear Christ Matt 17:5; If we hear those sent by Christ we hear Him Lk 10:16
 - 2. Must believe Jesus is the Christ Jhn 8:24
 - 3. Must repent of our sins Lk 13:3
 - 4. Must confess Christ as Lord Matt 10:32
 - 5. Must be baptized into Christ Mk 16:15,16; Gal 3:27
- D. Those who obeyed the conditions were saved and the saved were added to the church Acts 2:47; hence all the saved are in the church.
- E. Where did God place salvation for man today?
 - 1. Does this plan constitute water salvation?
 - 2. Were any saved who did not obey the conditions?
 - 3. How many churches were the saved added to?
 - 4. How many churches did Christ promise to build? Matt 16:18
 - 5. Of how many bodies is Christ the Savior? Eph 5:23; The body is the church Col 1:18

CONCLUSION:

- A. Man is hopelessly lost in sin, God has provided a way of salvation Rom 1:16,17 and those who refuse to obey will be eternally punished 2Thess 1:7-9
- B. All the way through the Bible God has predicated salvation on obedience to HIS PLAN and men today have the audacity to think they can devise their own plan.
- C. I think everyone would agree where God placed salvation in the first three instances (in obedience to his will) why then can we not be agreed on the fourth plan?