

Title: The Lord's Salvation

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I am going to be in Isaiah 44 as we are tender towards our community, our nation, our city and our state. The Bible is full of righteous *people* who go through catastrophes. The Bible doesn't say that you will be removed from catastrophe, but that you will be saved through it. Hence the parable of those that build their house on the rock. When the wind and the waves come, the Rock, and the salvation of the Lord Jesus, gets people through it. The whole Bible is full of God's people being saved through the catastrophe, in the midst of the fire, and at the banks of the Red Sea. All the way to the time of Jesus, where Peter and Paul and Silas were in the jails. At the moment of execution, there is salvation. The Apostle John *survived* when thrown into boiling oil. So, our goal in life is not to be removed from catastrophe, but to know that when we are in the midst of it, we have to know God and His faithfulness so much that the blood of Jesus allows the catastrophe to pass over.

The Jews and the Hebrews were in the midst of the plague of the firstborn son in Egypt. They were allowed to see the plague. They were allowed to see the catastrophe come to them, but the angel of death could be seen passing over them. Why did it pass over them? Because of the blood of the Lamb. That was it. Nothing that they had done, and not their good works. Even if they were the most sinful that day or if they were deserving of receiving that plague, the blood of the lamb on the doorpost was the reason *the angel passed over them*. When we have the blood of the Lamb on us, God is saying, "Don't just use that as your insurance, but know the Lamb. Know the Lamb, let the blood cover you. When catastrophe comes, the sure Rock that's within you anchors your soul and sees you through it. It sees you through it.

He constantly teaches and shows us these things. In the Bible, it says, "Do not store up treasures for yourself on Earth, but store up treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust don't destroy. Where does rust come from, water? So, we are living in that in our communities, now. "We shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living, and we shall see the favor of the Lord on the houses of the righteous." That's why we call out to our brothers and sisters in the community that are lost, "Come, be found." So the devil does not have a hold to steal, kill and destroy in your life when these catastrophes come. We want you to be on the Rock, so that what the devil steals can be brought back sevenfold. But, if the blood of the Lamb is not there, then God says, "I can't help." Jesus said, "If they would not believe the prophets, if they won't believe those sent, how will they hear you?" But, He says, "I wish that none should perish. Go and save and make disciples of all nations." We have many nations in this city. There are many nationalities *represented* on the Fourth of July. "Go and make disciples of all nations."

Isaiah 44:1 NKJV

"Whom I have chosen." Did I choose God? No, He chose me. This is the call. He chose Israel. He chose Jacob. We have been grafted in to that blessing by faith. Not by how you were born, not by nationality, not by race, not by stature, not by social class, not by economic class, but by choosing of God's grace that those that have ears to hear have heard. I have heard the voice of God say, "Here I am. Walk with Me." I say, "Who are you Lord?" He says, "I am Jesus." Our eyes are opened to see the Son of the Living God. Yes, I did not choose Him. He chose me.

Isaiah 44:2-5 NKJV

Wow. What are we talking about here? "I will pour water on him who is thirsty and floods on the dry ground. I will pour My Spirit on your descendants and my blessing on your offspring." I don't want you to miss God's sign. I don't want you to take the catastrophe and not see God's

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sign in it. We just had a sign. We had a wonder. You can call it what you want to call it, but I'm asking you to not miss God's sign. We have been praying this. You know how many times this prayer has come up here in this House since we were "itty bitty"? There was just a handful of us and we all fit in this section of the carpet. We have been praying this, "Flood this the city. Flood this city as water floods the dry ground. We are your oasis, but flood this city." God sent a sign, but you can call it a curse. You can curse that sign. You can dismiss it.

"What did you go out in the wilderness to see, a reed shaken in the wind? Or did you go and see Elijah, if you can hear it?" Who had said that? That was Jesus talking about, John the Baptizer. The one doing a weird thing in the water and flooding the hearts, so that the fire could come. Flooding the hearts, so that the repentant ones could see the living God coming. Flooding the hearts, so that "The way was prepared for the Lord." He brings a flood on dry ground. Why? Because the very next verse is, "That I will pour My Spirit on your descendants." Wow. Okay, Yes, Lord, because "I have a baptism and how I long until it is kindled, it is a baptism of fire and of power." Jesus said these words. The blessing is for you and your children's children, that you would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

Goodness does not mean, "insurance." The goodness of God is different than our thinking of goodness. The goodness of God is deeper. The goodness of God is wider. The goodness of God is more creative than ours. Wow. Our descendants will have the Spirit of the Lord poured out upon them. We are those descendants. "They will spring up among the grass like willows by the water courses. One will say, I am the Lord's; another will call himself by the name of Jacob. Another will write with his hand, "the Lord's," and name himself by the name of Israel. What does Israel mean? "Prince of God," and you are called, "Kings and Priests unto the Lord." Amen, beautiful, do not miss your sign. Do not miss your sign.

Isaiah 62:2-5 NKJV

"The Gentiles shall see your righteousness and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name." So in the last chapter that I read, people will say, "You know, Grant, that's just talking specifically about Israel and the Jewish people. That's not about me." But, it is because we are tied into that blessing through the Jewish man, the Savior Jesus, who said, "No, you are my family. Now Jew and Gentile has been abolished." In Galatians, it says, "There's neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female for those who be in Christ, Jesus. So now that blessing of the Old Testament has been passed down. We've talked about this before, how the covenant was fulfilled so that the testament can be released to us. The inheritance of the Old Testament, or the inheritance of the Old Covenant, comes to us by the death of its testator, Jesus. We are in the New Covenant, and we have both inheritances, the Old Testament and the New Testament. Amen, wow.

Who are we? The Gentiles, "The Gentiles shall see your righteousness and all kings your glory, and we shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name." I want to focus on the name, "which the mouth of the LORD shall name. You shall be also a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, a royal diadem in the hand of your God." This is specifically going to start talking about Jerusalem. We know that Chapter 62 is an intercession specifically over God's City of Jerusalem, over its destiny, and what it's supposed to be. The Gentiles will one day look at Jerusalem not as a bane on the Earth, and not as a hindrance, not as a thorn in the side of every single political leader in the history of mankind. But, *will be* a true blessing, a true House of the Lord, and a true place of political justice and righteousness. Not just a burden, which is the way it is as of today. That is how most political leaders look at Jerusalem.

Jesus is saying, "The Gentiles shall see your righteousness and all kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name." Okay, this is interesting, because in Revelation, we see that there will be a new Heaven and a new Earth.

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We also see the Bride of Christ coming down as the "New Jerusalem." Now the spiritual and the physical start getting connected, which is what happens when Jesus comes. He is going to give Jerusalem a new name that will be our name. We become the Name of the City of our God, because we are the dwelling place of God. Amen.

Isaiah 62:3-5 NKJV

You have this spiritual inheritance now until it becomes a physical reality in Jerusalem. The Lord Jesus has bought this redemption. He has bought this dowry for His wife to take it now in the spirit realm. You understand it has to become of the Spirit first for it to manifest. We see this, "You shall no longer be termed "forsaken," Church in San Angelo." You shall no longer have your land be called "desolate," Church in San Angelo, but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah. What does that mean? Prophetically, Beulah means, "the Lord delights," and you shall be called Hephzibah, or "married." Beulah, means beautiful or delightful. Wow. Amen, I love it.

Isaiah 65:1, 8 NKJV

Who is that? Say, "That's us." We are not the United States of the Prince of God or Israel. Israel means "Prince of God," the name of God. There is only one nation on the Earth that is named after God Himself. You understand? He is saying, "I was sought by those who did not ask for Me. I was found by those who did not seek Me." Wait a minute. "If you seek Me, you will find Me," said Jesus. "I am a rewarder of those who earnestly seek Me." Oh, He is the Living Word. It ties together. So, "I was sought by those who didn't ask." There was a hunger and thirst. Say, "I hungered and I thirsted for God." That was the Spirit of God calling you. He is saying, "Here I am, here I am, here I am." Your spirit man says, "Something is calling me, something is drawing me, and it feels like, smells like, and tastes like truth." Some of us had a long journey to get to the truth. Some of us had a hard journey. Some of us went into the occultic and the evil side, but realized that wasn't the truth. It's because something was calling. Someone was calling. It was the Spirit of the Living God calling. I said, "Here I am, Here I am," to a nation that was not called by My name.

Here it is the United States of America. We are not necessarily in a blood covenant with the Lord. But, we were dedicated from the moment that we were thought and birthed. We dedicated ourselves to Him. Now we can undedicate or we can cut that off. He is not obligated to a covenant with us, but "He blesses those who earnestly seek Him," and He upholds His word. He is not faithless. "He is found faithful, even when you are found faithless," it says in Timothy. So, there is a blessing in this. There is a blessing in being called a Christian nation. There is a blessing in being called a nation that seeks for the Gospel of the Kingdom to go to the ends of the Earth. There is an inheritance in that. There is a true honor in seeking it.

It comes with a high price. That you cannot be more preeminent than the God you were dedicated to. You cannot be greater than the God that you said you are under. You cannot be more prideful than the One who is on the throne. We paid a severe price for this pride. We have spent a pure price for our humanity, our humanism, our nepotisms, all of those isms that we have subscribed to instead of the name of the Lord God. You with me? "I was sought by those who did not ask for Me. I was found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here I am. Here I am,'" to a nation that was not called by My name."

Isaiah 62:8-9 NKJV

We find that when we go through catastrophes, when we go through shakings, when nations rise and fall, God still looks. Even in the crumbling, even in the decay, even in the vineyard that is all drying out, He finds a vine. He finds a vine with grapes on it. Saying, "This one keep, because there is still life in it. There is still fruit being born here." He goes throughout the United States of America. He goes throughout San Angelo. He says, "Ah, there is My remnant, those

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that have not just the blood of the Lamb on them, but those that have My life in them. Those that I know and they know Me. Those that have been praying in their closets, not just in the public. Those that have been in secret with Me, day and night, night and day. Those that I love and they love Me. He says, “No, no, don't touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm. Even in that catastrophe, there is still life in these My servants.”

Isaiah 62:9 NKJV

Isaiah 62:13-14 NKJV

You see how, even in calamity, the servants of a god have the Lord's hand over them. He is talking about the wicked in the land of Israel that He is about to judge. He will call His servants by another name. Now, what does this mean? This is why, when we go through these things, we look at our lives, and say, “Wow, God's hand was over me there, and I was spared. A thousand fell on this side and ten thousand fell on my right side, but I'm still here.” Why is that? Soldiers come home all the time, wondering, “Why did God save me?” It's the blessing of God. “I saw all of my brothers slayed and not myself.” They have such guilt and shame over it. Versus the “Lifter of their head that says there is a reason.” We have to see that even in the midst of that, there is going to be a testimony in our city of the righteous saved. But, it's not to become prideful and haughty. “Oh, God saved me above you and my neighbors.” No it is out of the blessing that God has saved me, and I have to bless those around me out of the blessing that God has delivered and redeemed me. I'm going to bless those around me with the abundance of the overflow of the grace of God, because the devil came to steal, kill and destroy all of the houses. The devil came to steal, kill and destroy and flood all of the peoples.

But, the Church of God will say, “No, no, we are saved by the blood of the Lamb. We are saved by the redemption of Jesus, and we have a blessing that overflows to overtake the catastrophe. The waves have crashed. The waves have hit. The waves have gone down. But, now the blessing of God overtakes. You see it? This is what it's for, that through my servants who are blessed, they are covered and kept. They are blessed to be a blessing. That the Kingdom of Heaven would still come and advance on the Earth. This is what Israel had mixed up. They were walking in the blessing that when catastrophes came, they came out on top. Then the next catastrophe came, and they came out on top, and the next. It became a prideful thing where God's says, “No, I'm blessing you because you are the only one that I can get the Kingdom of Heaven through to the Earth. You are My remnant to give the Kingdom of Heaven to all of the nations, but you're just exclusively saying you are the best.

You are the most blessed. God will always keep you, and you are not giving the blessing to the rest of the nations.” They became haughty in it. They became prideful in it. There's a trap there. There's a snare there. Do you understand what I'm saying? When we see the testimony of how God saved the righteous and how God blesses the righteous in our city, that we would be a blessing. We would overtake what the enemy meant for evil, and do good. Overcoming the ways of the world, and overcoming the the times and the seasons that we are in.

Revelation 2:17 NKJV.

There is this call in the Lord. There is a call to know God, and that call is so precious. We don't often know how to weigh it, but there is a call to know God. It's not just for the blessing. It's not just for the protection. It's not just for the inheritance. The call is for this, that one day you will stand before God, and you will know Him so well, face to face. You don't have to say anything, and He doesn't have to say anything to you. Yet, He gives you a white stone, and you know exactly what's happening. You have been waiting for that moment your whole life to know what this Savior, this Man, this God, thinks of you and would have named you on the day you were born. That's what you want. You want to know what your Father in Heaven wanted to name you, and it's just between Him and you. I mean, that's what you want. This is the blessing.

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This is the inheritance. This is the point. Those that know Him in this, that is the Rock. That no matter what storms we go through, He is worth that all.

Revelation 3:12 NKJV

What is this? This is a fulfillment, or maybe an addition to the prophecy we just read in Isaiah 62. How they will have a new name, and the city will be known by a new name. Who are the people of the city? The children of God and the family of God will reside there. We will be of that city. We all long for a place called home. We all long for a land. That's why we care about Texas. That's why you care about Iowa. That's why you care about the United States of America. That's why soccer players care so much about the World Cup, because they care for that sense of home. A sense of a place, an identity to a something, an identity to a city, an identity to a region. Even if it's the worst region in the entire world, it's my region. But, this is all just a symbol. This is all just a figment of what you were born for.

You were born to be of the City of the Living God. Abraham is the father of wanting this more than anyone. That if you are the father of a of a nation, you build a city. If you are the father of a civilization, you build a city. But, when he came to his land, what did he choose to do? Not build a city, but roam in it as a nomad, believing that God would come and build a city for Him. How do I know this? It says it in Hebrews 11. Abraham sacrificed fame and reputation. He even sacrificed his desire in his soul to be tied to the land. He chose to not be tied to a region, or an area, or a pasture, or a well. He said, "No, no, I'm going to be a traveler. I'm going to be a wanderer in my own land, that I might receive where I'm actually from, an eternal land and eternal city." He really believed God was going to come and build it with him. He really believed God was going to do that. That's why God says Abraham is the father of faith.

In Texas and Iowa and the United States of America, those are going to be places in our soul, where God says you need to sacrifice that for the treasure of Me. Because, this will be your city. Where I am, My name, My Jerusalem, My city is you and you are in Me. This is where you are to dwell forever and never leave. You are going to be a pillar set and mortared in. So, you are going to love it. Or, are you not? Some people think of that as, "Oh, I can't leave? Some people think of it as, "Why would you ever want to leave. That's the difference between a heavenly mindset and a worldly mindset with the lust of the flesh, the pride of life, and the lust of the world. These things are passing away. But, a heavenly mindset wants that. "Oh, that I would dwell in the house of the Lord forever, yes!" He gives you a new name. We are co-workers in Christ. In First Corinthians, it says that we are fellow workers. This is what jumped out at me.

Numbers 13:8,16

This is about the spies that went into the land of Canaan before the Israelites crossed over Jordan to receive their promised land. Moses sends spies, and then the wilderness journey came, because of these men. One is this gentleman here from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshia, the son of Nun. You guys know Hoshia, son of Nun, right? We should all know him, because he's actually named in verse 16. These are the names of the men who Moses sent to spy out the land Moses called Hoshia, the son of Nun, "Joshua." What? Moses gave him a new name. What is his name before? "Salvation." Hoshea means "salvation." That's a great name, but Moses says, "No, I see who you are. You are not just "salvation." You are the "Lord's salvation." To this people, you are the "Lord's salvation." He gave him a new name. Moses called his name, Yo-sheshua, Joshua. They shortened it to, "Yeshua, Joshua." In the Greek, they rewrote the Old Testament, and it's called the Septuagint. From that we get the word "Yisus." Because of that, in the Septuagint, when they looked at Joshua, they called it Yisus. They rewrote that into the New Testament Greek. That's what the angel told Joseph and Mary, to name Him, the "Lord's salvation." That the fulfillment of the word would be prophesied and fulfilled in the Living Word, and His name is "Yisus," which in Latin, is "Jesus." We read,

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Jesus, in the New King James, because they translated from Latin, the name of our Lord, the "Lord's salvation." You would have thought that the name was given all the way back by Joshua's mom and his dad. But, it was not. It was given by the prophet of God through God Himself. This is what I'm going to name you. Isn't that awesome? Is this the only time that that happens? No, Jacob was named Israel. This happened all the time. Simon was named Peter, by Jesus. Jesus looked at that sons of Zebedee, and said, "You are not the sons of Zebedee. You are the Sons of Thunder. I'm giving you a new name."

If you ever run into my father in law, and he gives you a new name, you know he likes you. He gives everybody a new name. He likes a lot of people. Jesus gives us a new name. He is that personal. Moses says, "Oh, you're not Hoshia, you're Yeshua, the 'Lord's salvation.'" He takes the old and makes it new. He makes all things new. This is your encouragement today. I thank God for it, and I bless you.

Let's stand up and let's pray and receive. If you want more, and you know you need to know the Lord in a more intimate way, then we are up here.

"Lord Jesus, you have called us to be on the Rock. You are the anchor of our hearts. You are the anchor of our souls. We open our hearts wide to receive you. You have flooded our dry ground, and we receive it as a sign and a wonder of our God. You have always been faithful to show us your signs in the sky, from the sky, and in our hearts. Lord, we say, yes. In our hearts, we want more. We want more of your Spirit. We ask God that this physical sign would bring the spiritual, bring the hungry, and bring the thirsty. Those that have not called on you. Let them hear your voice, now. Those that have not seen you and sought you, let them have to have you, now. God, let them be hungry and thirsty for You. For the one true God, the one living God, Yeshua. Jesus is His name. *Bring* the fullness of the Holy Spirit. That they would not hunger for a form of religion. That they would not hunger for an identity in religion, but they would hunger for the living God. That they would hunger for the reality of the Spirit. In Jesus' mighty name we pray, Amen."