



The Fullness Of Salvation
Ezekiel 36:24-29

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- In Acts 16:16-18 NIV, 16 Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a (*unclean*) spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.
 - 17 She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.”
18 She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so (*greatly*) annoyed (*worn out*) that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

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- In Acts 16:23, 29-31 NIV, 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.
 - 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

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- “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”
 - Such a seemingly simple statement and transaction
 - But it has a depth to it that is so deep it is hard for finite humans to grasp since it come from an infinite God
- So often we stop at forgiveness of our sin debt, without understanding the fullness, the completeness of our salvation
 - That brings certainty and confidence to our lives

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- Ezekiel was a prophet during the time Israel was in Babylonian captivity
 - Even though God had promised them a return after 60 years, there was no way they could see this happening.. That's called hopelessness
 - Country gone, Temple gone, Families torn apart and scattered throughout the Babylonian empire
 - No sign, no hope that God would ever fulfill His promise of returning His people to Israel
 - During their captivity God blessed His people with a word of hope
 - Not just for returning to Israel, but bringing a fullness, completeness to His salvation for them

Scripture

- **Ezekiel 36:24-30 NIV**, 24 “For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Scripture

- **Ezekiel 36:24-30 NIV**, 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. 30 I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine.

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- How did Israel get here?
 - **Ezekiel 36:17-18 NIV**, 17 “Son of man, when the people of Israel were living in their own land, they defiled it by their conduct and their actions. 18 So I poured out my wrath on them”
 - **Vs. 21 NIV**, 21 “I had concern for my holy name, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone.”
 - ❖ Profane - treat (something sacred) with irreverence or disrespect
 - **Vs. 22 NIV**, 22 “Therefore say to the Israelites, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone.’”

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- God gave Ezekiel 6 things He is going to do in keeping His covenant with Abraham showing us the depth of His salvation offered to us
 - I will take you out of where you are at and place you in my kingdom
 - I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be declared clean
 - I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you
 - I will put my Spirit in you
 - I will save you from all your uncleanness
 - I will bring an abundance to your life

I will take you out of where you are at and place you in my kingdom

- The Nation of Israel were scattered all over the Babylonian empire
 - They were greatly disappointed in God, can you hear them ask, “Why would God do this to us if He loves us?”
 - Spent 60 years under a pagan ruler, pagan rules, pagan culture, pagan worship
 - In their minds, the nation, they themselves were lost to God
- But God knew where each of them were at
 - He knew the conditions they have been under
 - He knew their hopelessness
 - He tells them He has a kingdom He has prepared for them, and He is working at bringing them home

I will take you out of where you are at and place you in my kingdom

- Please understand, God knows where you are at and where you have been
 - He knows the condition of your life, heart and the depth of your hurt, hopelessness, sin
 - You may be like the Hebrew that was placed in the most desolate place experiencing nothing but hardship, all alone – God knows
 - You may be like the Prodigal Son bearing the weight of your own decisions, thinking there is no way back – God knows
 - You may be like David living in caves waiting for God's promise to come true in your life – God knows
- Here is God's desire for you personally – I want to bring you into my kingdom, your home, a place you fit --- I know where you are at physically, mentally, and spiritually

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- These words sounds like the words of Jesus on the night of His crucifixion
 - **John 14:1-3 NIV**, Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be declared clean

- What was Israel's problem?
 - Their sin had made them unacceptable to come before the King
 - **Ezekiel 36:17-18 NIV**, 17 “Son of man, when the people of Israel were living in their own land, they defiled it by their conduct and their actions”
 - Defile – To tarnish, make dirty, bring disgrace
 - Beauty of land is defiled by trash left behind
 - Israel had defiled themselves and God's land by their conduct and their actions

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- Imagine you are on your way to place yourself in front of the King wishing him to do something, only the King can
 - On the way you have a very unfriendly encounter with a very potent skunk
 - No place nor time to clean up
 - Will you be allowed to speak to the king?
 - No, you stink
 - Even if you get in front of the king; he may grant your wish, but he doesn't want anything else to do with you, why?
 - You stink and he remembers your stench
 - You may even say, "I don't smell anything"

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- **Isaiah 55:1-3a, 5b NCV**, 1 The Lord says, “I made myself known to people who were not looking for me. I was found by those who were not asking me for help. I said, ‘Here I am. Here I am,’ to a nation that was not praying to me.
 - 2 All day long I stood ready to accept people who turned against me, but the way they continue to live is not good; they do anything they want to do. 3 Right in front of me
 - 5b These people are like smoke in my nose. Like a fire that burns all the time, they continue to make me angry.

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- Unrepentant sin leaves a stench on our lives before God and in the eyes of others
- God can and does forgive our sin, but He goes farther
 - He desires to remove even the stink of your sinfulness, or the sinfulness done to you
 - God performs a complete cleansing from sin, which is required for spiritual communion between God and his people
 - He promises to make you presentable before Him so we can always come with boldness before His throne
 - He lays upon us the righteous robe of Jesus like the Good Father in the Prodigal Son's life

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- Yet we seem to always remember our stench and we see our relationship with God through it when God declares you clean
 - **Acts 10:15 NIV**, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you

- We could be forgiven our sin debt, cleansed before God but left to ourselves we would wind up right back where we came from
 - In our fallen nature we are sin addicts through the nature we were born with
 - **Romans 7:15 NIV**, “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.”

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- What is the only answer?
 - He promises to remove our hard, sinful, addicted to sin heart with one that is alive to Him with a desire to please and live for Him
 - He does this major miracle by placing His Holy Spirit within us
 - **Vs. 27**, And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.
 - His ultimate purpose is to lead us to all, complete, and full truth while giving us the strength to walk in that truth in the Kingdom of God

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- Today this promise has been partially fulfilled
 - We have been given a new nature in an old sinful body
 - And they are constantly fighting with each other for dominance
 - **Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV**, You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
 - But one day we will receive a new glorified body, and we will no longer have this fight within us

I will save you from all your uncleanness

- After God has done of the above, we will be saved from **ALL** our uncleanness
 - We are saved - not could be, nor might be but completely and eternally saved
- We now have a great High Priest in heaven making intercession for us
 - **Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV**, 14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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- I wish I could tell you this is God's promise to change all your circumstances, but He doesn't always
 - But He does promise to change you in your circumstances
 - He promises to overlay your hurt and pain with His love and care
 - He promises to overlay the hurt and pain you have brought to others with His grace
 - He promises to use your circumstances for good

I will bring an abundance to your life

- God promises to bring you into His abundance
 - **Philippians 4:19 NIV**, And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
 - **2nd Corinthians 9:8 NIV**, And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
 - If you will receive it, accept it as yours and learn to live within His truth

I will bring an abundance to your life

- God promises to bring you into His abundance
 - Acceptance for yourself what God has done for you through your faith in Jesus
 - Acceptance of God's promise to lead and guide you through His Word and Holy Spirit
 - Seeing yourself through the eyes of a loving Heavenly Father rather than your past or the voices of others

I will bring an abundance to your life

- God promises an abundance of grace and mercy
 - His presence in your life
 - Peace that can't be explained
 - Hope because it is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
 - Acceptance as a dearly love child of God
 - Security, both now and throughout eternity, in the finished work of Jesus Christ

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- So much more to salvation than forgiveness of your sin debt and it came at a great cost
 - God has provided all of this to us personally through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - He bore your sin debt on the cross
 - He bore your uncleanness
 - He bore your stench
 - And by His blood you can be declared clean
 - All because of God's great love for you
 - Notice God does all of this, and we simply receive it by faith in the finished work for Jesus Christ

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- “At The Cross”

Alas and did my savior bleed and did my sov'reign die
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I

At the cross at the cross where I first saw the light
And the burden of my heart rolled away
It was there by faith I received my sight
And now I am happy all the day



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