



LESSON 112 - MARK 10:26-30

Who then can be saved? 27And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. 28Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. 29And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 30But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

1. I ask you the same question the disciples asked, "Who then can be saved?"
2. What did Jesus mean when He said, "With men it is impossible?"
3. What is the good news?
4. Where have Peter's thoughts focused?
5. How would what Jesus said reassure Peter?
6. What words indicated the trouble they might experience while they were in this world?

Answers

1. Anyone can be saved who will come to God by Jesus Christ. "Whosoever will" may come to Jesus by repenting of their sin and independence from God, by believing that Jesus paid the penalty for that sin, and by making Jesus Lord of their lives.
2. Man cannot save himself, because he is a sinner. Of himself, he has no way back to God. He cannot build or make a way to God and eternal life.
3. " With men it is impossible, **but not with God**" must be some of the most hopeful words in the Bible. That which is impossible for men to achieve, that is, reunion with God, communion with Him, fellowship with Him, being in His family, is possible because God made the Way. Remember John 14:6? Jesus said, "I am the Way..." He is, in fact, the only Way to a relationship with God.
He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us and give us eternal life.
4. Peter is thinking about what Jesus told the rich man, "Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven..." He wants the Lord to realize that His followers have "left all and have followed" Him. Peter is thinking about the treasure that was promised.
5. The disciples had left their homes and businesses to follow Jesus, choosing to value eternal things more than material ones. Jesus promised Peter and all who would follow Christ in the years to come, (and even till today), that "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love,

which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. " (Heb 6:10)

There will be rewards for well-doing in the name of the Lord. There are categories of those rewards:

For those who were washed in the blood of the Lamb and allowed Him to wash them by the Word of God: Rev 1:5, Eph 5:25-27, the highest honor and rewards: They become His bride, the queen of His kingdom.

Other verses that speak about the bride of Christ:

2 Cor 11:3 I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Ps 45:1-17 1 My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king:(this is about the Messiah, Whom we know is Jesus), my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. 2Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever...

6Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. 7Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. 8All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad. 9Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; 11So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him. 12... the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour. 13The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. 14She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee. 15With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace... 17I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

Rev 3:7-9 7And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 8I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. 9Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. 10Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Another category of rewards: for how Christians taught others: 1 Corinthians 3:11-14 11For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall

receive a reward.

There is a reward for being persecuted for the name of Christ: Matthew 5:11-12 11Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

There are crowns given to deserving ones. See 1 Cor 9:25, 1 Thes 2:19, 2 Tim. 4:8, James 1:12, 1 Peter 5:4. Some other rewards are mentioned in Revelation 2-3. Doubtless, there are many others.

6. "...with persecutions."

These words indicate Jesus was warning the disciples that following Him would not be easy and not without heartache. Doing the Lord's will and work would cause the enemy to trouble them from time to time, (giving them the opportunity to strengthen their spiritual muscles and to defeat the devil again and again). Remember John 16:33 where Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you that you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."

Jesus ended with the promise of a wonderful, glorious reward of a future for those who would make such sacrifices of obedience through faith--eternal LIFE with Him.

