The Great Work of God in Salvation

Tony Mauck · Psalm 104:24–35

INTRODUCTION

- We should reflect frequently on the works of the Lord.
- So many want to overstate the work of man or the role man plays in his or her salvation, and understate the work of God in salvation.

1 The Absolute Bankruptcy of Human Effort

Titus 3:4–7

- The blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin.
- There's not anything that man could do to provide for his own salvation, and we need to be impressed with that.
- We are absolutely dependent upon the work of God in salvation.
- It doesn't mean there's not a condition. It just says you could not secure this by yourself on your own.

2 Nine Mighty Things God Did in Salvation

Acts 2:38–39; Galatians 4:4–6; 2 Timothy 1:7–10

- For the promise is for you and for your children. And for all who are afar off.
- God arranged the perfect circumstances, the perfect conditions, the perfect climate for the perfect Son and the perfect sacrifice.
- God takes on human flesh. The limitations, the finiteness of human flesh for us.
- Man at his worst, God at his absolute best. Triumphing over great evil.
- And you're completely dependent upon it. All of it. You didn't do any of this.

3 Not for Your Sake, but for My Holy Name

Ezekiel 36:22–27

- It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I'm about to act. But for my holy name.
- I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you.
- The thrust of this is what God's going to do. Over half a dozen times in these verses that we've read, he says, I will.

4 To the Praise of His Glory

Ephesians 1:4–14; Ephesians 3:20–21; John 1:12–13

- That's what God has always wanted, a people who are holy and blameless.
- What is salvation all about? That we might be a people to the praise of his glory.
- We are the result of his work so that we might bring glory to him.

- May we not trace his name through the mud like Israel did, but to reflect his holiness in our lives.

5 A Single Condition: Faith Properly Defined

2 Peter 1:3–5; John 6:29; Matthew 7:6

- What he expects us to do to respond to all the great things he has done is really a single condition.
- Yes, faith is a single condition if it is properly defined.
- If it includes repentance, confession, and baptism, as a proper definition of faith involves being totally convinced.
- It's for those who will respond to his holiness by reflecting that holiness in their lives. That's the why of the condition.

6 Let Him Who Boasts Boast in the Lord

1 Corinthians 1:30–31; Luke 17:10; Ephesians 2:8–9

- It is by his doing that you're in Christ. Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.
- It is not about, hey, look what Tony did. Salvation is about, hey. Look what God did.
- We should never forget that we are the products of God's amazing love and profound deeds.
- Never be condescending to those who have not yet signed on to this, but help them to see what we see.

THE CHALLENGE

Has he done wondrous things to you? Do you realize that and see that so that you'll respond? Believing fully, totally convinced in the Lord. And submitting to his will so that you can be granted the magnificent and precious promises of the gospel.

MY NOTES