

a sermon from ISAIAH 33:22:

**ONLY THE LORD WILL SAVE US!**

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## I. A PRAYER

You alone, O CHRIST, are our Judge, Lawgiver and King. “We pray to You, Lord, with honest hearts, in tune with one another, entreating You with sighs and tears, as befits our humble position... that You may soon come to us, leading us from darkness to light, oppression to freedom, misery to joy, conflict to peace. May You drive away the storms and tempests of our lives, and bring gentle calm...”<sup>1</sup> For only You, O Lord, will save us! AMEN.

## II. A PROPOSITION

Only our Lord JESUS CHRIST - Who alone is our Judge, Lawgiver and King - will save us, for there is salvation and deliverance in no other!

## III. A SCRIPTURE – ISAIAH 33:22 – ONLY THE LORD WILL SAVE US!

For The LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king; He will save us.

## IV. INTRODUCTION

The prophet Isaiah declares in ISAIAH 33:22 this truth: “For The LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king; He will save us!”<sup>2</sup> Ladies and gentlemen, in this earthly life we all suffer troubles, trials, temptations and tribulations. Who is there to turn to in such times when we are overwhelmed with grief, that our tears may be turned to joy? To whom can a man in the midst of suffering look to for healing? And who is it that can rescue our immortal souls from the everlasting fires of hell on account of our sins?

There is only One - our Lord JESUS CHRIST! Now in ISAIAH 33:22 we can see the promises of that needful Divine intervention on behalf of sinful man by our Lord JESUS CHRIST, for He is our Judge, our Lawgiver and our King. Only He will save us, and no other!

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<sup>1</sup> 1, Catholic Family Prayer Book, a prayer “For All Needs,” Saint Cyprian of Carthage, p 233.

<sup>2</sup> 2, KJV, ISAIAH 33:22.

## V. THE LORD IS OUR JUDGE - HE WILL SAVE US!

First, who is our Eternal Judge, but our Lord JESUS CHRIST? Consider what Saint Paul says in ROMANS 14:10b-12: “For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of CHRIST. For it is written, As I live, saith The Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to GOD. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to GOD!”<sup>3</sup>

GOD The Father has given "all judgment to The Son" over the souls of men to judge them.<sup>4</sup> There is no man that is exempt from standing before the judgment seat of CHRIST. And no man is exempt from bending the knee before The Son to confess that He is Lord.

The question rather is, shall we bend the knee voluntarily as saints saved in CHRIST, thus being found righteous by The Judge of The Universe? Or shall we bend the knee against our will as the damned by CHRIST, thus being found unrighteous by The Judge of The Universe?

We read in HEBREWS 9:27-28, “And as it appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. So CHRIST was once offered to bear the sins of many: and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”<sup>5</sup>

"Physical death is a consequence of sin..., [yet Scripture tells us that] the... spirit [of man shall] live [on] independently of the death of the body."<sup>6</sup> And when we come after physical death to stand before The Judge of the Universe, only those who are covered by the righteousness of The Son JESUS CHRIST will be accounted as without sin. The Eternal Judge will claim only His saints saved in CHRIST for eternal life forever in His Presence!

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<sup>3</sup> 2, KJV, ROMANS 14:10b-12.

<sup>4</sup> 3, Wycliffe Bible Commentary, ROMANS 14:10-12, p 1222.

<sup>5</sup> 2, KJV, HEBREWS 9:27-28.

<sup>6</sup> 4, Scofield KJV Bible, HEBREWS 9, on "Death, physical, Summary," p 1299.

Truly, The Lord JESUS CHRIST is our Judge. Only He will save us and no other!

#### VI. THE LORD IS OUR LAWGIVER - HE WILL SAVE US!

Second, Who is our Eternal Lawgiver, but our Lord JESUS CHRIST? PSALM 119:172-175 declares, “My tongue shall speak of Thy Word: for all Thy Commandments are righteousness. I have longed for Thy salvation, O LORD: and Thy Law is my delight. Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee; and let Thy judgments help me!”<sup>7</sup>

Here the psalmist, having called upon The LORD to hear his prayers and deliver him from all perils, "...desires to praise GOD for His Word. He ask[s] GOD to enable him to live, since he delights in His Law..."<sup>8</sup> The psalmist ends his prayers to GOD the Lawgiver “by confessing that he had gone astray like a lost sheep and by asking GOD to rescue him by His Word."

For all men are all sinners gone astray like lost sheep into sin . And this Truth we would not know if GOD our Lawgiver had not given us His Law. Yet, if we love The Word Incarnate - JESUS CHRIST - and confess Him as Saviour, we shall begin to walk the road to the blessing of our earthly lives and the salvation of our eternal souls!

Let us hear The Words recorded by Saint Paul in GALATIANS 3:13-14, “CHRIST hath redeemed us from the curse of The Law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through JESUS CHRIST: that we might receive the promise of The Spirit through faith!”<sup>9</sup>

GOD our Lawgiver Who gave mankind the Law sends His Son "Who took the penalty of all guilty lawbreakers on Himself. Thus the 'curse of the Law' was transferred from sinners to CHRIST." Only CHRIST the divine Son of GOD - having been born a

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<sup>7</sup> 2, KJV, 119:172-175.

<sup>8</sup> 5, Bible Knowledge Commentary, PSALM 119:169-176 p 882.

<sup>9</sup> 2, KJV, GALATIANS 3:13-14.

man and yet was without sin - is able to pay the penalty of sin on behalf of repentant sinners who confess Him as Lord. And so The Lawgiver Himself saves us with "the promised blessing of justification apart from works of the Law, available to all who believe" in Him! <sup>10</sup>

Having become spiritual sons and daughters of Abraham through faith in CHRIST, we who were convicted by the Law of our sins find that The Lord our Lawgiver works out our "salvation and sanctification... [which comes to us] by faith, not by works." <sup>11</sup> What wondrous love that CHRIST our Lawgiver would redeem sinful men who repent from sin and call Him Lord by removing the curse of The Law from us which He Himself authored!

Truly, The Lord JESUS CHRIST is our Lawgiver. Only He will save us and no other!

#### VII. THE LORD IS OUR KING - HE WILL SAVE US!

Third, Who is our Eternal King, but our Lord JESUS CHRIST? The psalmist confesses in PSALMS 10:16a, "The LORD is King for ever and ever!" <sup>12</sup> King David echoes this in PSALM 20:6-9, "Now know I that the LORD saveth His anointed; He will hear him from His holy Heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember The Name of The LORD our GOD. They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. Save, LORD: let The King hear us when we call!" <sup>13</sup>

When we face adversity daily - as we must as Christians - we are to call upon the intervention of The LORD our Heavenly King. Here we see "the faith of the psalmist does not waver... [for] he concludes that The Lord is King forever." How much more revelation has GOD our King in Heaven given us in this time and place than the psalmist

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<sup>10</sup> 6, Bible Knowledge Commentary, GALATIANS 3:13-14, p 598.

<sup>11</sup> 6, Bible Knowledge Commentary, GALATIANS 3:13-14, p 598.

<sup>12</sup> 2, KJV, PSALM 10:16a.

<sup>13</sup> 2, KJV, PSALM 20:6-9.

had received? <sup>14</sup>

And so, as the psalmist's faith does not waver in the presence of GOD The Father, our faith should be even stronger as we become true heirs of GOD The Son! For the faithful under The Old Covenant saw only a foreshadow of the coming of our Lord JESUS CHRIST Who - having cleansed the sins of the elect from them - has ascended into Heaven to be our King. And it is CHRIST our King Who is ever ready to hear our pleas!

Consider what Saint Paul writes for us in II TIMOTHY 1:17,16: "Now unto The King eternal, immortal, invisible, The only wise GOD, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. Howbeit for this cause I (St. Paul) obtained mercy, that in me first JESUS CHRIST might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on Him to life everlasting!" <sup>15</sup>

In the Old Testament, "no mere man is sovereign over Israel, but JEHOVAH GOD Himself [was their King]." <sup>16</sup> In the New Testament, our King JESUS CHRIST is sovereign over His Church and His saints. Our King in Heaven is immortal, invisible, only wise, to Whom honor and glory are due Him from all men. Now a loyal earthly subject exalts his earthly king. So much more are we who follow after CHRIST our eternal King. For St. Paul reminds us that others will then see our King's love in us, testifying to lost men that there is only salvation under CHRIST the King!

Truly, The Lord JESUS CHRIST is our King. Only He will save us and no other!

#### VIII. IN CONCLUSION – ONLY THE LORD WILL SAVE US!

So my Brothers and Sisters, when we face trials in this life, let us take solace in THE LORD, for He alone will rescue us. "Peace, prosperity and salvation will [only] come by GOD's sovereign work [and] not by... [man's feeble and worldly] alliances or

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<sup>14</sup> 3, Wycliffe Bible Commentary, PSALMS 10:12-18, p 499.

<sup>15</sup> 2, KJV, II TIMOTHY 1:17,16.

<sup>16</sup> 3, Wycliffe Bible Commentary, ISAIAH 33:17-24, p 632.

human cunning." <sup>17</sup> For when we confess that CHRIST the Messiah alone bestows upon us salvation and rebirth into fellowship with Him, we come to see how foolish is the world's idea that a mere sinful man can overcome life's trials by his own efforts alone.

Even more foolish is the world's idea that man can create peace on earth, much less save his own immortal soul from never ending separation from GOD. Let us then hold fast to the peace, prosperity and salvation that comes only to the saints saved in CHRIST!

Let no man doubt that, as Scripture reveals, there will come a time when CHRIST our Judge, Lawgiver and King will come again. Perhaps we shall live to see that Blessed Day on this earth. For His rule will at last be established on earth as it is in heaven. For "There will be no more spiritual sickness in the cleansed and forgiven land" that will have been swept clean of all sin, sorrow, sickness and death by The LORD Himself! <sup>18</sup>

Or rather we shall someday each leave this earthly world behind us in physical death. The Lord will then take His saints into His arms Up Above, and He alone will save us. If then we are credited with The Son's righteousness by our Father in Heaven, we shall dwell forever in that Eternal Promised Land Above in the very presence of GOD our Judge, our Lawgiver and our King!

We began with This Scripture from ISAIAH 33:22: "For The LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king; He will save us!" <sup>19</sup> Seeing this Biblical Truth through The blessed Cross of our Saviour and Redeemer, may we always see that only our Lord JESUS CHRIST - Who alone is our Judge, Lawgiver and King - will save us, for there is salvation and deliverance in no other! In The Name of GOD The Father, and The Son and The Holy Ghost. AMEN.

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<sup>17</sup> 5, Bible Knowledge Commentary, ISAIAH 33:17-24, p 1084.

<sup>18</sup> 3, Wycliffe Bible Commentary, ISAIAH 33:17-24, p 632.

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