

Matthew 6:34

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Words to Find: *sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*
“Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.”

He Heard His Request

J. G. Wilson

A lady, who had just sat down to breakfast, had a strong urgency in her heart to instantly carry a loaf of bread to a poor man, who lived about a half mile from her house. Her husband wished her either to postpone taking the loaf of bread until after breakfast, or to send someone else to deliver it to the man. She chose to immediately take it herself.

As she approached the small hovel, she heard the sound of a human voice. Desiring to hear what was being said, she stepped softly. She heard the poor man

praying, and among other things he said, “O Lord, help me! Lord, Thou wilt help me. Thy providence cannot fail; and although my wife, myself, and children have no bread to eat, and it is now a whole day since we had any, I know Thou wilt supply me, though Thou shouldst again rain down manna from heaven.”

The lady could wait no longer; she opened the door. “Yes,” she replied, “God had sent you relief. Take this loaf, and be encouraged to cast your care upon Him who careth for you; and when you ever want a loaf of bread, please come to my house.”

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He Paid Our Ransom

Bill Brinkworth

“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45

Sometimes, after being saved for a period of time, we take our salvation for granted. The joy of escaping hell may have “worn off”, and as we go through another day we say, “Ho hum, I’m saved, but what’s the big deal.”



Reading Mark 10:45, I saw five words that reminded me how special and blessed I am to be saved. Those words are “... his life a ransom for many.”

To renew your excitement about your salvation (if you are saved), think for a minute what a ransom is. When a crime is committed and a person is kidnapped, sometimes the kidnapers try to make money. They offer a person the opportunity to rescue the snatched person for a

high price. Often they warn that if their requests are not met, that that person will never be seen again and will probably be murdered.

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No Other; Just Jesus

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“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” I Timothy 2:5

What wonderful news, as recorded in I Timothy 2:5, it must have been to the Jews, who were used to Old Testament worship. Before Jesus’ death on the cross, they could not go directly to God themselves. They had to have priests go to God as middlemen for them. After the sacrificial death of Christ, they could enter the Holiest of Holies by themselves through their prayers (I Tim 2:1).

However, then and even today, there are still many that believe they cannot go to God themselves. These folks still, if

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They do not go to a person that hates the one they took. They send a message to one that loves the kidnapped person so much that they would give anything to get that person back.

Jesus was reminding us here, that we are all kidnapped by sin, and unless someone had paid the price, all would have perished; they would have spent an eternity in hell! It is a sad, sad truth that we are all hell-bound, because of our sin.

In this case, the ransom required to save a person from his terrible end was not money or possessions. The only payment that would be acceptable was the blood of a sinless person.

Now the good news! There is one that loves you so much, that He would pay the price to save you. It just so happens that He is the only one in the whole world that qualified as being sin-free. He was willing to pay the ransom with His life for yours. It is Jesus, God's only Son, that stepped forward, willing to pay the price. Not only was Jesus willing to be a ransom for you, but He wants to pay the ransom for all that will ask Him.

Now, how can anyone not be excited about salvation after that realization? There is someone that loves you so much that He will rescue you from an eternity in hell, if you just ask Him to.

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they realize it or not, are attempting to worship the way it was done in Old Testament times. Some still go to a "priest" in a confessional and tell him their sins. With his words, and doing what he tells them to do, they believe he can order their sins forgiven. They are trusting the "priest" to be their mediator between them and God. There are also those that pray to the dead, some even deceased biblical characters, in hopes that that "person" can be the middle man between them and God to have their sins forgiven or requests granted.

Sincere as those people are, what they are doing is contrary to the teaching of the Scriptures. I Tim. 2:5 tells us there is only one mediator between us and God, and that is Jesus Christ.

We no longer have to present a perfect, unblemished animal sacrifice for the high priest to take through the temple's curtain to the Holiest of Holies. When Christ died, God ripped the veil in two from the top to the bottom. Now any believer can go to God in prayer through Jesus Christ.

Telling a person, be it priest, parent, or any other person, one's sins will not remove the consequences of one's iniquity from God's memory. Those people may want to help, but they too are sinners in need of a

mediator. Going to anyone else other than Christ to meet a need in one's life or receive help from God, will not result in God answering one's prayers. The only one that is qualified to go to the Father on our behalf is His Son Jesus. He is the only mediator between God and man.

The Lord Will Provide!

J. Newton

*Though troubles assail, and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail,
and foes all unite
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us; the Lord will provide.*

The birds, without barn or store-

"Well, my friend, today we have a Mediator — the Lord Jesus Christ has come. He has one hand in the hand of Deity because He is God. He is able to save to the uttermost because He is God, and He has paid the price for our salvation. He is a Mediator, because He has also become man. He can hold my hand; He understands me. He understands you. You can go to Him, and He is not going to be upset with you. He will not lose His temper or strike you or hurt you in any way ... He still loves you and wants to put His arm around you." — J. Vernon McGee

"He that feeds His birds will not starve His babes." — Matthew Henry

*house, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust
for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall
ne'er be denied,
So long as 'tis written, "The
Lord will provide."*

*When Satan appears to stop up
our path;
And fills us with fears, we triumph by faith;
He cannot take from us (though
oft he has tried)
The heart-cheering promise,
"The Lord will provide."*

*Satan tells us we're weak; our
hope is in vain;
The good that we seek we ne'er
shall obtain;
But when such suggestions our
graces have tried.
This answers all questions; the
Lord will provide.*

*No strength of our own, nor
goodness we claim;
Our trust is all thrown on Jesus'
name.
In this our strong tower for safety
we hide;
The Lord is our power; the Lord
will provide.*

*When life sinks apace, and death
is in view,
The Word of His grace shall
comfort us through;
Not fearing or doubting, with
Christ on our side,
We hope to die shouting, "The
Lord will provide!"*