

# Personal Salvation in the Old Testament

## Definitions (what personal salvation consists of)

----- Both Testaments

Forgiveness of sins

Justification, Sanctification, Glorification

Substitution, imputation

Promise, Destiny, house of the Lord

Election, Predestination, purpose of God, the sake thing

Conversation, Change of life, life choices, practical righteousness

**Relationship**, Lordship, adoption, personal savior

----- New Testament

Regeneration, indwelling, led by the spirit

Intercession, confession before God, advocate, heavenly priest

Bride of Christ, the body of Christ, the Church,

----- Some think of personal salvation in terms of magical words (sinner's prayer, thief on the cross), or a spiritual experience (tongues, healing, vision, etc.)

or a binding agreement made with God in a decisive moment,

in which the sinner claims a promise, which then becomes the essence of personal salvation.

But consider salvation as a relationship that begins with the initial encounter,

But was actually predetermined and coordinated by God, and is therefore secure.

It then is practically identical in both testaments, and indeed could hardly ever be otherwise

## Foundations

Depravity (universal sin, no saving self, works insufficient, necessity of new birth)

Heart (inward not outward)

Mercy (compassion, forgiveness, etc. not merits)

Grace (not works, favor not rooted in efforts, accomplishments, or merit)

Faith (not Law, promise about future, hope, expectation)

## Descriptions (metaphors, analogies)

Cleansing

Healing

Redemption (payment of debt)

Lost, found

Born again

Leaven (purging)

Kingdom (translated from Satan's to God's)

## Demands

Believe (person, provision, promise)

Repent

Confess

Follow

Come

Rest

Obey (gospel)

## **NT claims of OT saved**

### **Considered righteous**

Mat 23.35 blood of righteous Abel to Zacharias (Luke 11.51)

(2 Chr 24.20-22 Zechariah son of Jehoiada, Zech 1.1 Berechiah, Isa 8.2 Jeberechiah)

Luke 1.5,6 both righteous before God, walking in the commandments and ordinances blameless

### **Considered Saved**

Rom 4.1-5 Abraham justified by faith, not works

Heb 11.1-40 good report through faith, Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abram, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Rahab, Samson,

Samuel, David, etc., (v13 these all died in faith, persuaded, embraced, desire heavenly country)

## **Demonstrations (in OT)**

### **Commitment to and from God**

Gen 28.21 then the LORD will be my God

Exo 15.2 He is my God, will be my salvation

Deu 26.17 avouched the LORD, avouched you

2 Sam 15.8 Absalom vowed to be LORD's servant

2 Kin 5.17 Naaman made LORD his God

### **Saints (holy people, belonging to God)**

Deu 33.2,3 saints in Heaven and on earth

1 Sam 2.9 Hannah

2 Ch 6.41 saints rejoice

Job 5.1 Eliphaz

Job 15.15 No trust in his saints

Psa 16.3, 30.4, 31.23, 97.10, 106.16 (Aaron the saint), 149.5,9, etc.

Dan 7.18,21,22,25,27, 8.13 etc.

Hos 11.12

Zech 14.5

### **Calling on his name (Jehovah?)**

Gen 4.26 then began men to call upon the name of the LORD

Gen 12.8 there he called upon the name of the LORD

Gen 13.4, 21.33 Abraham called again

Ps 91.14 Because he set his love upon me, I will deliver him, because known my name

Ps 116.17 offer thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD

Isa 52.6 my people shall know my name

Joel 2.32 whosoever shall call shall be delivered

Zech 13.9 they shall call on my name and I will hear them

Mal 4.2 unto you that fear my name shall Sun of r. arise with healing

### **(Called by his name)**

Isa 43.7 every one that is called by my name, created for my glory

Isa 63.19 We are thine, they were not called by thy name

Jer 14.9 we are called by thy name, leave us not

Amos 9.12 all the heathen which are called by my name

**Walking with God (or before God)**

Gen 5.22 Enoch walked with God

Gen 6.9 Noah walked with God

1 Ki 8.23,25 walk before thee with all their heart

2 Chr 6.14 thy servants walk before thee with all their hearts

**Being Righteous or Upright (life choices, found throughout compared)**

Gen 18.23 wilt thou destroy righteous with wicked

Ps 1.5 ungodly shall not stand in congregation of the righteous

Pr 2.20 walk in the way of good men, keep paths of righteous

**Fearing God (considering judgment)**

Gen 20.11 surely fear of God not in this place

Gen 22.12 now I know thou fearest God

Gen 31.42 God of Abraham and fear of Isaac

Deu 10.12 God require of thee, to fear LORD, serve with all heart

**Worshipping God (exclusively, perfect heart)**

Gen 22.5 Abraham going to worship

Gen 24.63 Isaac meditating in the field

1 Sam 1.3 man went up yearly to worship and sacrifice unto the LORD

1 Ki 8.61 let your heart be perfect with the LORD

1 Ki 15.3 his heart was not perfect

2 Ki 5.17 thy servant will henceforth offer unto other gods, but unto the LORD

**Knowing God (relationship)**

Jer 9.6 they refuse to know me, saith the LORD

Jer 9.24 glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me

Jer 22.16 judged cause of poor, was not this to know me?

Jer 24.7 I will give them an heart to know me

Jer 31.34 for they all shall know me, I will forgive their iniquity

Gal 4.9 after known God, or known of God

Tit 1.16 profess they know God

**Collective or National Salvation (in OT)**

Deu 4.29-31 if thou seek the LORD, thou shalt find him, if with all thy heart

Deu 26.18-19 be his peculiar people, holy people, above all nations

Deu 30.2-5 shalt return to LORD, have compassion on thee

1 Sam 7.3 If return to LORD, put away strange gods, he will deliver you

1 Ki 8.46-50 hear their prayer, forgive thy people

Zech 8.8 they shall dwell in Jerusalem, be my people, be their God

Eze 37.23-27 I will save them out of their dwelling places, my tabernacle with them, I will be their God

Jer 29.12-14 ye shall find me, with heart, I will gather you

Jer 33.15-17 execute righteousness in the land, Judah saved, Jerusalem safely, Lord our righteousness

Eze 37.24-25 David king over them, walk in my judgments

Hos 3.5 Israel return, seek LORD and David, fear LORD and his goodness in latter days

Luke 1.68-75 visited and redeemed his people, raised horn of salvation, saved from enemies

Mark 11.10 kingdom of our father David

----- notice a focus on collective sins, how it compares to personal sins and forgiveness

Luke 1.77 give knowledge of salvation unto his people by remission of their sins

Mat 1.21 he shall save his people from their sins

## **Examples**

### **Cain and Abel**

Gen 4.4 LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering

Mat 23.35 blood of righteous Abel (Luke 11.51)

Heb 11.4 by faith Abel offered, witness he was righteous, God testifying, even dead

1 Jo 3.12 Abel's works were righteous

(Heb 12.24 Jesus' blood speaketh better things than Abel's)

Gen 4.3-7 not respect, do well be accepted, if not, sin at the door

1 Jo 3.12 not as Cain, of wicked one, slew brother, works were evil, brother's righteous

Jude 11 gone in the way of Cain (works, merit, anger, defiance, hate, despair, stubbornness)

### **Enoch**

Gen 5.24 Enoch walked with God, was not, God took him

Heb 11.5 by faith Enoch was translated, testimony that he pleased God

Jude 14 Enoch prophesied, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints

### **Noah**

Gen 6.8 Noah found grace

Gen 6.9 Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, walked with God

Gen 7.1 for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation

Gen 7.5 Noah did according unto all the LORD commanded him

Gen 8.20 Noah builded an altar, offered burnt offerings

Eze 14.14,20 Noah, Daniel and Job, by their righteousness

Heb 11.7 by faith Noah condemned world, heir of righteousness by faith

2 Pe 2.5 saved Noah, preacher of righteousness, flood upon ungodly

### **Melchizedek**

Gen 14.18-20 king of Salem, priest of the most high God

Ps 110.4 priest after order of Melchizedek

Heb 5.6,10; 6.20 priest after order of Melchisedec

Heb 7.1-4 Melchisedec, king of righteousness, like Son of God, how great

### **Terah**

Gen 11.31 Terah took Abram and Lot from Ur to Canaan, unto Haran

Gen 12.1-8 LORD said to Abram, get thee from kindred, called upon name of LORD

Josh 24.2 Your fathers dwelt on other side of flood, Terah, served other gods

Josh 24.14 gods your fathers served on the other side of the flood

Gen 15.7 LORD brought thee out of Ur

Neh 9.7 broughtest him (Abram) out of Ur

Eze 16.3 thy father was an Amorite

### **Abraham**

Gen 12.1-8 LORD said to Abram, Get thee from thy kindred, called on name of LORD

Gen 13.3,4 went to Bethel, unto altar, there called on the name of the LORD

Gen 15.1-6 he believed in the LORD, and he counted it to him for righteousness

Gen 17.1 walk before me, be thou perfect

Gen 17.23-24 Abraham was 90 years old when he was circumcised

Gen 18.17-19 I know him, command children to do justice, LORD bring upon Abraham  
John 8.39 if ye were Abraham's children would do the works of Abraham  
John 8.56 Abraham rejoiced to see my day, he saw it, and was glad  
Rom 4.1-17 Abraham counted righteous by faith, imputation  
Gal 3.6-9 they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham  
Gal 3.18 God gave it to Abraham by promise  
Heb 11.8 by faith Abraham called to go out, obeyed  
Heb 11.17 by faith when he was tried offered up only begotten son  
Jam 2.21 Abraham justified by works when offered up Isaac  
Jam 2.23 scripture fulfilled, Abraham believed God and imputed for righteousness

### **Lot**

Gen 12.4 and Lot went with him  
Gen 18.23-25 wilt thou destroy the righteous with the wicked?  
Gen 19.16 LORD being merciful unto him  
Gen 19.22 I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither  
Gen 19.29 God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out  
Deu 2.9,1 I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession  
2 Pe 2.7 delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked

### **David**

Ps 16.11 in thy presence is fullness of joy, right hand pleasures for evermore  
Ps 21.4 He asked life, length of days for ever and ever  
Ps 23.6 I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever  
Ps 65.4 Blessed man whom thou choosest, causest to approach unto thee, satisfied  
Ps 17.15 I will behold thy face in righteousness, awake satisfied with thy likeness  
Ps 73.24-26 I will behold thy face in righteousness, awake satisfied with thy likeness  
Ps 40.4 Blessed man maketh the LORD his trust  
Ps 84.12 Blessed the man that trusteth in thee  
Ps 85.2 forgiven the iniquity of thy people, covered all their sin  
Ps 32.1,2 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, sin covered  
Rom 4.6-8 Blessed whose iniquities forgiven, not impute sin  
----- Notice the references by David to his hope, trust and rejoicing in God's righteousness, as if to say David's salvation itself was because of God's righteousness. This was a mystery to Martin Luther, until he understood the concept of imputed righteousness  
Ps 7.17 I praise the LORD according to his righteousness  
Ps 24.5 he shall receive blessing and righteousness from the God of his salvation  
Ps 31.1 In thee do I trust, deliver me in thy righteousness  
Ps 35.24 Judge me O LORD according to thy righteousness  
Ps 35.28 my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness all the day long  
Ps 36.10 continue thy righteousness to the upright in heart  
Ps 40.10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart, declared thy salvation  
Ps 48.10 thy right hand is full of righteousness  
Ps 50.6 heavens shall declare his righteousness  
Ps 51.15 deliver me from bloodguiltiness O God of my salvation, sing of thy r.  
Ps 51.19 pleased with the sacrifices of r.  
Ps 69.27 let them not come into thy righteousness  
Ps 71.2 Deliver me in thy righteousness  
Ps 71.15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and salvation all the day

Ps 71.16 I will make mention of thy r., even of thine only  
Ps 72.1 Give the king thy righteousness  
Ps 85.13 R. shall go before him and set us in the way of his steps  
Ps 88.12 Shall thy righteousness be known in the land of forgetfulness?  
Ps 89.16 In thy righteousness shall they be exalted  
Ps 98.2 LORD made known his salvation, his r. hath he openly shewed  
Ps103.17 mercy of the LORD, and his r. unto children's children  
Ps 106.31 counted unto him for r. unto all generations  
Ps 118.19 Open to me gates of r.: I will go into them  
Ps 119.40 quicken me in thy r.  
Ps 119.123 eyes fail for thy salvation, and the word of thy r.  
Ps 143.1 in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy r.  
Ps 143.11 Quicken me O LORD, for thy r. sake bring my soul out of trouble

### **Prophets**

Isa 1.18 though sins as scarlet, white as snow  
Isa 43.25 I am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake  
Isa 44.22 have blotted out thy transgressions  
Isa 45.24-25 in the LORD have I righteousness, in the LORD justified  
Isa 61.10 I rejoice in LORD, hath clothed me with salvation, covered with righteousness  
Jer 23.6 his name shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS  
Jer 51.10 The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness  
Dan 9.16 Lord, according to thy righteousness, fury by turned away  
Mic 7.18,19 he will have compassion on us, subdue our iniquities, sins into the sea  
Hab 2.4 the just shall live by his faith

### **Book of Job**

#### **Eliphaz**

Job 4.7 who ever perished being innocent, where were the righteous cut off?  
Job 4.17 (spirit in a vision said) shall mortal man be more just than God?  
Job 4.18 (spirit) no trust in his servants, angels charged with folly  
Job 5.1 to which of the saints wilt thou turn (holy people?)  
Job 5.7 man is born unto trouble, as sparks fly upward  
Job 5.8 I would seek unto God, commit my cause  
Job 5.12-14 crafty disappointed  
Job 5.15-26 saveth poor from sword, no evil touch thee, grave in a full age  
Job 15.14-16 what is man should be righteous, no trust in saints, man drinketh iniquity like water  
Job 15.20-35 wicked pain all his days, he shall not be rich, depart before his time  
Job 22.2-4 Can a man be profitable unto God, is it gain to him that that thou art righteous?  
Job 22.5-9 Is not thy wickedness great, sent widows away empty  
Job 22.10-11 Therefore snares, sudden fear  
Job 22.15-18 marked wicked men, cut down out of time  
Job 22.19-30 If return to Almighty, lay up gold as dust, shall deliver the innocent by pureness of hands

#### **Bildad**

Job 8.3-4 thy children sinned against him, and he cast them away for their transgression!  
Job 8.5-7 if wouldest seek God, make prosperous, greatly increase  
Job 8.13-15 all that forget God, perish, house shall not stand

Job 8.20 God will not cast away a perfect man, neither help evil doers  
Job 18.5-21 light of wicked put out, neither son nor nephew, surely such are the wicked  
Job 25.4-6 how can man be justified with God, stars not pure, much less man

### **Zophar**

Job 11.3-6 thy lies, my **doctrine** is pure, exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth  
Job 11.7 Canst thou by searching find out God?  
Job 11.14-19 put iniquity far away, thine age clearer than noonday, shalt be secure, rest in safety  
Job 11.20 eyes of wicked shall fail, not escape  
Job 20.5 triumphing of wicked is short  
Job 20.11 bones full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust  
Job 20.23 about to fill his belly, God cast fury of wrath upon him  
Job 20.27 heaven shall reveal his iniquity, earth rise up against him  
Job 20.29 this is the portion of a wicked man from God

### **Elihu**

Job 33.23-24 if a messenger, interpreter, shew man his uprightness, then gracious, deliver, ransom  
Job 33.26 for he will render unto man his righteousness  
Job 33.27-28 (if repent) will deliver his soul from the pit, life shall see light  
Job 34.5-9 Job said I am righteous, what man like Job goeth in company of wicked men  
Job 34.10-12 the work of a man shall he render unto him, every man find according to his ways  
Job 35.14 judgment is before him, therefore trust thou in him  
Job 36.6-7 preserveth not the life of wicked, withdraweth not his eyes from righteous, they are exalted  
Job 36.11-12 if they obey they shall spend their days in prosperity, if not, perish by the sword  
Job 36.13-14 hypocrites die in youth, life among the unclean  
Job 36.15-18 he delivereth the poor, he would have removed thee out of the strait  
Job 36.21 iniquity hast thou chosen rather than affliction  
Job 36.24-25 remember thou magnify his work, every man may see it, afar off  
Job 37.23 the Almighty is excellent in judgment and justice, he will not afflict (the righteous)

### **Job**

Job 1.1 Job perfect and upright, feared God, eschewed evil  
Job 1.8 Lord said, considered Job, none like him in the earth  
Job 1.21 naked came I of mother's womb, naked return, blessed name of LORD  
Job 2.10 speak foolish, receive good from God, not receive evil?  
Job 3 (what is life about, why do we just suffer for no reason)  
Job 6 (God did this to me, but not for my sin)  
Job 7.1-19 (Man's life is not important, why afflict him?)  
Job 7.20-21 I sinned, preserver of men, why not pardon my transgression, take away iniquity  
Job 9.2 how should man be just with God?  
Job 9.13 If God will not withdraw his anger, proud stoop  
Job 9.15 though I were righteous, would I not answer, but make supplication  
Job 9.19 shall set me a time to plead  
Job 9.20 if I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me  
Job 9.21 though perfect, would I not know my soul, despise my life  
Job 9.22-24 he destroyeth the perfect and the wicked, trial of innocent (no difference?)  
Job 9.25-31 thou wilt not hold me innocent, wash with snow, own clothes abhor me  
Job 9.32-33 come together (with God) in judgment, no daysman betwixt us  
Job 10.2-6 Do not condemn me, seest thou as man that thou searchest after my sin?

Job 10.7 thou knowest that I am not wicked (especially wicked?)  
Job 10.15 If wicked, woe unto me, if righteous, yet not lift up, I am full of confusion  
Job 10.20 are not my days few, cease then, let me alone, I may take comfort a little  
Job 12 (this life is not the reward) v6 tabernacles of robbers prosper, provoke God are secure,  
Job 13.15,16 though he slay me, yet will I trust in him, shall be my salvation  
Job 13.18 ordered my cause, I know that I shall be justified  
Job 13.23 make me know my sins  
Job 14.1-4 man is of few days and full of trouble, who bring clean out of unclean  
Job 14.5-15 man has one earthly life, dies, and waits for an appointed change  
Job 16.17 [afflicted] not for any injustice in my hands, my prayer is pure  
Job 16.21 that one might plead for a man with God (intercessor)  
Job 17.3 put me in a surety with thee, who will strike hands with me  
Job 19.23-27 my redeemer liveth, [after death] I shall behold him  
Job 21 (wicked and righteous treated alike, judgment reserved for a future day of wrath v30)  
Job 23.3-7 where I might find him, he would put strength in me, delivered from my judge  
Job 23.10-14 when tried, shall come forth as gold, performeth thing appointed for me  
Job 24 (Why do wicked keep sinning knowing judgment will come, though judgment is delayed)  
Job 29.14 I put on righteousness  
Job 31.24-28 (not) made gold my hope, rejoiced in wealth, secretly enticed by sun or moon, denied God