

The Lord My Savior

by Octavius Winslow

The sermon emphasizes the significance of the name Jesus and the saving power of God through Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Matthew 1:21, John 10:28, Romans 6:14, Romans 8:1, 1 Corinthians 15:57, Ephesians 1:7, Philippians 1:6, Titus 2:14, Hebrews 9:14, 1 John 1:7

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Description

Octavius Winslow emphasizes the profound significance of Jesus as our Savior, highlighting that His name embodies the essence of salvation. He explains that true understanding of Jesus goes beyond mere acknowledgment; it requires a personal, spiritual experience of His saving power. Winslow reassures believers that through Jesus, they are cleansed from the guilt and power of sin, and are no longer under condemnation. He encourages the faithful to continually apply the blood of Christ to their lives, ensuring they walk in the freedom and joy of salvation. Ultimately, Winslow celebrates the assurance that Jesus will complete the work of salvation for all who trust in Him.

Transcript

"The Lord is my portion, says my soul."

"You shall call His name Jesus--for He shall save His people from their sins."--Matt. 1:21

It is from this alabaster box of precious ointment that the sweetest, holiest odor breathes on the Church, and throughout the world, wherever and by whomever the name of Jesus, which is as ointment poured forth, is proclaimed. But, wherein lies the great charm, power and sweetness of this One Name? It is in the fact that He--SAVES. "His name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save." Of all the points of light in which the Lord our Portion is seen, there is not one equal to this--the Incarnate God--my SAVIOR. All other glorious and precious views are swallowed up in this.

If Jesus were not a Savior, He would be nothing to us. But if we can spell His name JESUS, though it may be with faith's most stammering tongue and faltering accents, we may put in a personal and confident claim to all that Jesus is, and to all that He has done. There are many from whose lips this precious name frequently and musically breathes, but who, while they bend the knee to it, are still the servants of sin and the slaves of Satan--having never experienced in their souls the saving power which this name contains, or the emancipation it was designed to confer. They know the name of Jesus historically, intellectually, theoretically; but nothing of it personally, spiritually, savingly. What multitudes saw Him, heard Him,

conversed with Him, followed Him, and shouted their "hosannahs" when He was upon earth, who, nevertheless, slighting and rejecting Him, died a Christless, graceless, hopeless death, with no other prospect than that of the impious Balaam, "I shall see Him, but not now; I shall behold Him, but not near."

But, O my soul, what a debtor are you to divine, free, and discriminating grace; for to you the name of Jesus is life, joy, peace, and hope yes, it is "every precious name in one," the dearest, sweetest name in earth or in heaven. You have not simply heard of Him with the hearing of the ear, but you have been drawn to Him by cords of love, or impelled by an overwhelming sense of your lost condition as a poor sinner, finding salvation in no other name but His. But, whether drawn or driven, Jesus is precious to you, the chief among ten thousand, the altogether lovely One; yes, He is to your faith, hope, and love "all, and in all;" your Alpha and Omega, your first, and last, your resounding, never-ending jubilee. But what does our precious Jesus actually do for us?

He saves us from the guilt of sin. This He accomplishes by His precious blood-shedding. "Such were some of you, but you are washed." "He that is washed." "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin." Walk, O my soul, in the constant realization of this, by a daily application of the blood to the conscience. Keep not the guilt of sin for one hour--but the moment its taint distresses, and the cloud shades, and the wound inflames, go at once to the Fountain opened, wash, and be clean.

Jesus saves us, too, from the power of sin. "He shall subdue their iniquities." This is what the truly saved soul pants for--deliverance from the tyranny of sin. We cannot be happy--blessed be God--while one sin remains unsubdued, while one corruption has the ascendancy. But, by His conquering grace Jesus saves us from the dominion of sin, breaking its neck, subduing its principle, weakening its power, enabling us to shout, "Thanks be unto God, who always causes us to triumph in Christ Jesus."

Jesus saves us also from the condemnation of sin. Condemned Himself as our Surety for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that, "there is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus." Oh, what a finished, accepted, glorious salvation is ours! But not only are we saved from the condemnation of sin, but we are saved unto eternal life. Jesus will not leave the work He has undertaken incomplete, nor be satisfied until He has safely brought all His blood-bought, blood-washed, blood-saved people home to glory.

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