

LESSON 18

Salvation - The Need of Salvation

Objective : To make the pupils clear that man became hopeless and punishable in the presence of God by committing sin. So man needs salvation or the deliverance from sin.

Bible Portion : Rom. 1:18-3:23, 5:12-14

Memory Verse : Rom. 3:23, 5:12

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all men, because all sinned.

Introduction

Suppose a child who doesn't know swimming falls into a river. What is his need then? An young man jumps into the river and saves the child. So, we can say that the young man saves the child's life. God prepares a way to deliver the men who has been controlled by sin, curse and death. This is the most important message conveyed in the Bible.

What is Salvation?

The meanings of the term used for salvation in Greek and Hebrew are deliverance, safety and healing. Salvation is a process which helps bringing the hopeless into a happy life. It contains the justification, purification and glorification of those, who believe in the act of Christ's repentance. It deals with the body, soul and spirit of man.

The need of salvation

Is salvation deliverance from punishment? What is the punishment on men? How man became punishable and cursed? God created Adam

and Eve in his own image and they were put in the beautiful garden of Eden. They were commanded not to eat the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. They were warned that they would die if they did so. But Satan slowly approached Eve. She started listening eagerly the matters raised by Satan against God. (Gen. 3:2). She took the command of God unimportant and she changed it according to her will (Gen. 3:23, 2:17). She doubted God's love and care (Gen. 3:4-5). She was enslaved to the external attractions (lust of the body, eyes, and boasting of what she has or does) (Gen. 3:6, Jn. 2:15-17). She plucked and ate the forbidden fruit and gave a part to the husband and he also ate. In this way sin came into the world and all men became guilty and condemned before God.

The condemnation of Sin

The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). As they committed sin, their spiritual death happened. They were forced to hide themselves due to the consciousness of sin. So they lost their relationship with God. Through sin, the death of physical body also arrived on the earth, and the entire humanity was cursed. All men are condemned due to the disobedience of Adam. Man has to face the punishment in three times.

1. When he lives on the earth

As a man lives on the earth he has to experience sufferings and pains. Men suffer much due to sin. The suffering comes in the form of bondage of sin, fear, sickness, painful toil in cursed earth and physical death (Gen. 3:7-24).

2. After the physical death

The second phase of the condemnation starts with physical death (Lk. 16:23-26). Physical body returns to the dust, but man's individuality does not lose. He reaches the hell to be condemned of sin. He has to face a number of sufferings. In hell, there is starvation and painful experience of fire. This is not the real hell. It is like a place where a criminal has been under remained after got arrested.

Eternal judgement

Rev 20:12 -15, Mt.25:41,46

The wicked that are dead will rise from their tombs and they will be made conscious of their sinful life on earth. They will be thrown into the lake of fire which is set apart for the devil and his companions. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever (Rev. 20:10). All men are liable to face condemnation in the three ways or phases. For all men have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:25). All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one (Ps. 14:2-3). Paul in the epistle to Romans (Rom. 1:2,3) convinced the fact that the gentiles without law and the Jew with law alike are all under sin (Rom. 3:9). We can very easily understand from the world and our experience that man naturally falls into sin.

So men need the deliverance from sin and its condemnation. This deliverance is the salvation through Jesus Christ. Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Jesus Christ (Rom.8:1). Have you experienced it by faith? We will learn different elements of salvation in coming lessons.

Questions

1. What is Salvation ? What are the great truths included in it?
2. How sin entered into human world ?
3. What did man lose when he sinned ?
4. How the judgement “You will surely die when you eat the fruits” become true ?
5. Explain three phases of condemnation of sin by man with the help of verses.
6. Which is the verse proved that gentiles and Jews alike are under sin? Write the important verse related to it.