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REDEMPTION**

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THE PLAN OF SALVATION, OR THE DESIGN OF REDEMPTION:

1. There is a method or way of salvation: Acts. 16:17.
2. The meaning of the word "plan" and some synonyms in the phrase "plan of salvation".

PLAN: a method for achieving an end, an often customary method of doing something. Procedure, a detailed formulation of a program of action. An orderly arrangement of parts of an overall design or objective. A detailed program ... or the provision of some service. Syn. PLAN, DESIGN, PLOT, SCHEME, PROJECT. means a method devised for making or doing something or achieving an end.

PLAN always implies mental formulation and sometimes graphic representation.

DESIGN often suggests a particular pattern and some degree of achieved order or harmony.

PLOT implies a laying out in clearly distinguished sections with attention to their relations and proportions.

SCHEME stresses calculation of the end in view ...

PROJECT often stresses imaginative scope and vision." **WEBSTER'S NINTH NEW COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY, pg. 898.**

3. All the above shows an arrangement of truths about salvation. See The following quote.

“I dreamed that God, by an unseen hand, sent me a curiously wrought casket about ten inches long by six square, made of ebony and pearls curiously inlaid. To the casket there was a key attached. I immediately took the key and opened the casket, when, to my wonder and surprise, I found it filled with all sorts and sizes of jewels, diamonds, precious stones, and gold and silver coin of every dimension and value, beautifully arranged in their several places in the casket; and thus arranged they reflected a light and glory equaled only to the sun.

I thought it was not my duty to enjoy this wonderful sight alone, although my heart was overjoyed at the brilliancy, beauty, and value of its contents. I therefore placed it on a center table in my room and gave out word that all who had a desire might come and see the most glorious and brilliant sight ever seen by man in this life.

The people began to come in, at first few in number, but increasing to a crowd. When they first looked into the casket, they would wonder and shout for joy. But when the spectators increased, everyone would begin to trouble the jewels, taking them out of the casket and scattering them on the table.

I began to think that the owner would require the casket and the jewels again at my hand; and if I suffered them to be scattered, I could never place them in their places in the casket again as before; and felt I should never be able to meet the accountability, for it would be

immense. I then began to plead with the people not to handle them, nor to take them out of the casket; but the more I pleaded, the more they scattered; and now they seemed to scatter them all over the room, on the floor and on every piece of furniture in the room.

I then saw that among the genuine jewels and coin they had scattered an innumerable quantity of spurious jewels and counterfeit coin. I was highly incensed at their base conduct and ingratitude, and reprov'd and reproach'd them for it; but the more I reprov'd, the more they scattered the spurious jewels and false coin among the genuine.

I then became vexed in my physical soul and began to use physical force to push them out of the room; but while I was pushing out one, three more would enter and bring in dirt and shavings and sand and all manner of rubbish, until they covered every one of the true jewels, diamonds, and coins, which were all excluded from sight. They also tore in pieces my casket and scattered it among the rubbish. I thought no man regarded my sorrow or my anger. I became wholly discouraged and disheartened, and sat down and wept.

While I was thus weeping and mourning for my great loss and accountability, I remembered God, and earnestly prayed that He would send me help.

Immediately the door opened, and a man entered the room, when the people all left it; and he, having a dirt brush in his hand, opened the windows, and began to brush the dirt and rubbish from the room.

I cried to him to forbear, for there were some precious jewels scattered among the rubbish.

He told me to "fear not," for he would "take care of them".

Then, while he brushed the dirt and rubbish, false jewels and counterfeit coin, all rose and went out of the window like a cloud, and the wind carried them away. In the bustle I closed my eyes for a moment; when I opened them, the rubbish was all gone. The precious jewels, the diamonds, the gold and silver coins, lay scattered in profusion all over the room.

He then placed on the table a casket, much larger and more beautiful than the former, and gathered up the jewels, the diamonds, the coins, by the handful, and cast them into the casket, till not one was left, although some of the diamonds were not bigger than the point of a pin.

He then called upon me to "come and see."

I looked into the casket, but my eyes were dazzled with the sight. They shone with ten times their former glory. I thought they had been scoured in the sand by the feet of those wicked persons who had scattered and trod them in the dust. They were arranged in beautiful order in the casket, every one in its place, without any visible pains of the man who cast them in. I shouted with very joy, and that shout awoke me. **Ellen G. White, Early Writings, pg. 81-83.**

4. The problem of man is certainly sin. Rom. 3:9-19.

5. Christ was manifested to take away sin. Matt. 1:21; 1 Jn. 3: 5,8; 1 Tim. 1:15.
6. God has formulated a way or plan to deal with sin. The plan cannot change and must be followed, for without it there is no salvation from sin. Heb. 10:26; Heb. 6:4-8.
7. Here is an account of the unchangeable plan to deal with sin. They are:
 - a. **The Provisions for sin:**
 - i. Penal provision: Heb. 2:9; 1 Pet. 2:21; 1 Pet. 3:18.
 - ii. Blood provision (life). Jn. 10:10,11,15.
 - b. **The Calling from sin:**
 - i. No man can bring himself to God. Jn. 6:44.
 - ii. He must first be convicted by God. Jn. 12:32; Acts. 2:37; Acts. 9:4,5.
 - iii. He must repent. Acts. 2:38; Acts. 3:19.
 - iv. He must believe. Mk. 1:14,15; Rom. 10:10.
 - c. **The Renewing from sin:**
 - i. No man can change himself. Jer. 13:23.
 - ii. It is God alone who can justify man. Rom. 8:33; Acts. 13:39.
 - iii. God must remove the old carnal mind. Rom. 6:6; Eze. 36:26.
 - iv. God must give the man a new heart. 1 Sam. 10:6,9; Ps. 51:10.
 - d. **The Maintenance from sin:**
 - i. It is the Holy Spirit that seals/sanctifies us. Eph. 4:30; 1 Pet. 1:2; 2 Thess. 2:13.
 - ii. We must overcome sin in sanctification. Eph. 5:25-27; 1 Thess. 5:23.
 - iii. We must resist sin with the aid of grace. Heb. 12:4; Jam. 4:7; Gal. 5:16,17.
 - e. **The Blotting out of sins:**
 - i. We all must face judgment. Heb. 9:27; 1 Pet. 4:5.
 - ii. We all will be judged by the law. Jam. 2:8-12.
 - iii. We must have a justification in this last judgment. Rom. 2:13,16; 1 Cor. 4:1-5; Dan.

- 7:22; Job. 13:18.
- iv. We must have forgiveness of past sins. (1 Jn. 4:17; 1 Pet. 4:8).
- v. We must then be given objective righteousness or be declared righteous. Rev. 3:5; Rev. 6:9-11; Rev. 19: 7,9.
8. God's plan has indeed a systematic flow and priority positions. 2 Tim. 2:17,18; 2 Thess. 2:1-3; Matt. 23:25,26.
9. This plan shows us how to trust God. Pro. 3:5,6.
10. It shows us how to live. Jn. 12:35; 2 Cor. 5:7.

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1. **The Holiness of God:** Lev. 19:2; Lev. 20:7; Lev. 21:8; Rev. 4:8.
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9. It is seven pillars of wisdom: Pro. 9:1.
10. Christ is that wisdom: 1 Cor. 1:24,30.
11. This plan is the gospel of truth: Gal. 2:14.
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13. This is Christ's identity (I AM): Jn. 14:6; Jn. 8:12.
14. Christ lived the Plan of Salvation:
- a. He was God: Jn. 10:28-33; Jn. 20:28.
 - b. He was sinless: 1 Jn. 3:5; 1 Pet. 2:21,22.
 - c. He showed man to be sinful: Mk. 8:38; Matt. 12:39.
 - d. He gave himself a provision for sin: Jn. 6:53-58.
 - e. He called men from sin: Mk. 1:14,15; Matt. 11:28-30.
 - f. He was the renewer (Justifier): Gal. 2:16,17.
 - g. He maintains men from sin (sanctifier): (Jn. 17:17; Jn. 14:6).
 - h. He is the High Priest/Judge:

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