

Yes, He “saves to the uttermost!”

The Nearness of the Saviour

A Bible Study
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“We can not know God and Jesus Christ until we search the Scriptures. In this Word we find out why it was necessary for Christ to leave His high command in heaven, to separate Himself from the angelic family, laying off His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothing His divinity with humanity. For our sake He became poor, that by His poverty He might make many rich, securing for them eternal riches. That He might work in our behalf, He came to live among fallen humanity, in a world marred by sin and misery.”—Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, June 13, 1900.

We invite you to use the following outline to “search the Scriptures” and learn more about the precious truth of the “nearness of the Saviour.”

I. The Old Testament Witness

- A. Is Christ to be a true descendant of Eve? (Genesis 3:15)
- B. Would Christ be “like” or unlike “unto” us? (Deuteronomy 18:18)
- C. What is His name to be? (Isaiah 7:14)
- D. What does that name mean? (Matthew 1:23)

II. The Nearness of Our Saviour

- A. Unto whom is this “son . . . given”? (Isaiah 9:6)
- B. How fully did Christ enter into our feelings? (Isaiah 49:4)
- C. How was Jesus taught what He learned? (Psalm 119:9-11)
- D. Did Jesus really need to pray? (Isaiah 50:4, 5)

III. Jesus’ Own Witness About Himself

- A. Did He have a “self” as we have a self? (John 5:30)
- B. Did He have (that is, take) a “will” of His own, as we have (by nature) a will of our own? (John 6:38; Romans 15:3)
- C. How difficult was it for Him to deny His own will? (Luke 22:42-44)
- D. When Jesus was “tempted,” did that mean that He sinned? (Luke 1:35; Hebrews 4:15)

IV. The Apostles’ Witness About Jesus

- A. Where did problem of sin taken root? Where did Jesus come to conquer it? (Romans 8:3)
- B. What does the word “likeness” mean? (Philippians 2:7)
- C. What glorious result follows Christ being “sent” thus? (Romans 8:4)
- D. How was He “made under the law”? (Galatians 4:4)
- E. What did He “abolish” in His “flesh”? (Ephesians 2:15, 16)

V. Such Good News!

- A. Whose “flesh and blood” did He partake of? (Hebrews 2:14)
- B. How many times is His “likeness” to us emphasized in Hebrews chapter 2?
- C. How is this truth related to His ministry in the sanctuary? (Verse 17)
- D. What does He do for us who are “tempted”? (Verse 18)