

Sermon: The Coming Salvation

Text: [I Peter 1:3-12 ESV](#)

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Introduction: The original recipients of this letter were facing persecution and suffering, and Peter wanted to reassure his audience. He wanted to provide a word of hope for the days ahead.

Peter says there are reasons to praise God even in current conditions:

I. Our _____ Reward Is Secure (vv. 3-5).

- A. God has given us _____ birth.
- B. God is guarding our _____.

II. Our _____ Reward Is Secure (vv. 6-9).

- A. Grief will not last _____.
- B. Present trials may even be _____.

III. The _____ Provided a Foundation (vv. 10-12).

- A. The _____ helped us find salvation.
- B. Those who have preached by the _____

Conclusion: The Old Testament prophets encouraged people to look for a coming Messiah. Now that Jesus has come and fulfilled that prophecy, we await His next and final coming when everything will be found to be perfect for those who have been obedient and put their faith in Him.

In this opening section of [I Peter](#) it says that our salvation even makes the angels envious. Though life may be difficult now or in the future, life can still be good!

Why? Because at the end of everything, God is waiting for His faithful children, and someday we will live with Him forever: in heaven!

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Born Again to a Living Hope

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time[a] the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Footnotes:

[a] I Peter 1:11 Or what time or circumstances