

Jesus the Goods Hands Savior

You're In Good Hands with Jesus

Psalm 111:7

The works of His hands are verity and judgment, all of His Commandments are true. KJV

The works of His hands are faithful and just... RSV

All that He does is done in faithfulness and justice...New Jerusalem

One of the most famous advertising slogans of the past 20th century was coined by Allstate Insurance Company: "You'er in good hands with Allstate". The fact that it is still their slogan suggest the continued success of its effectiveness in the market place. What this slogan does is conveys the message that when you are insured with Allstate you can rest assured that all of your insurance worries will be taken care of. Now I can not speak to the truth of that message, only its intent. It is a powerful message and they do a very good job of getting that message across. At the end of every commercial they ask this question "Are you in good hands?" Which cast doubt

about the quality of service that you are receiving from your insurance company if it is not Allstate. They call that effective branding, I call it sealing the deal.

Well, just as Allstate strives to have an impact in the insurance industry, we as witnesses for Christ should strive to have an even greater impact on humanities need for spiritual assurance.

Today Christianity is under serious attack from not only atheist and non-believers, but by corruption and turmoil from within. More and more people are questioning their faith; some because of personal crisis, others by what they perceive as man's inhumanity to man. When it is not safe to go into the House of God without fear of being attacked by bigots and hate mongers, the question must be asked where we can go. The age old arguments seem to have new teeth, "why me, what have I done to deserve this? Or if there is a God, why does He allow bad things to happen to good people?" If the response to these questions are not satisfactory or worse

unanswered, people who are searching for peace of mind and spiritual assurance will go somewhere else.

These seekers of spiritual assurance want from their religion what Allstate claims to have for their policy holders, they want a religion that provides them with the comfort of knowing that they do serve a true and living God that they can depend on. They want to know that He will be the same day after day, that He is reliable, that He rains on the just and the unjust. In other words what they want is THE GOOD HAND SAVIOR.

This may come as a surprise to some of you, but it's not unreasonable to want to know that the God that you serve is the real deal. Not only that, I think they ought to know how to recognize Him when they find Him. With all of the false representatives out here confusing people, the last thing they want is to be lured in by the wicked one.

Well, our scripture for today, while brief, lets us know what to expect and what to look for from THE GOOD HANDS SAVIOR.

First of all “The works of His hands are verity (faithful, reliable, dependable.) His works are not for show, but are true, real and genuine. The New Jerusalem Translation says “All that He does is done in faithfulness.” When ones actions are centered on faithfulness that means that those actions are consistent, that the end result is always for the good of those for whom the action is intended. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life,” John 3:16

Second, there is never an exception or contradiction in the execution of His actions. He is immutable, He changes not, and whatever He does for one He will do the same for whosoever.

Finally, His works are everlasting. They are not seasonal, they are not temporary, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8. And they don’t require a complicated process, just believe in Him. Unlike Allstate, which, for all its boasting about their service to their clients, have fine print, hidden rules and disclaimers that only a lawyer can understand, with Jesus THE GOOD HANDS SAVIOR there is no red tape, no hidden surprises. When Jesus says “My yoke is easy and my burdens are light” you can take Him at His word. He tells us up front, not in fine print, “You must be born again”. Now isn’t that what you would expect from THE GOOD HANDS SAVIOR? Jesus is THE GOOD HANDS SAVOIR! How do I know that Jesus is THE GOOD HAND SAVIOR? I know because when I was sinking deep in sin far from the peaceful shore, I was deeply stained within sinking to rise no more, then the master of the sea heard my despairing cry and from the waters lifted my now safe am I.

What Jesus did on the cross was not a consequence of errant behavior on His part, but was recompense for bad behavior

on our part. He hung there bled and died for our sins. “He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. Jesus truly is THE GOOD HANDS SAVIOR! The question is “Are you in Good Hands?”