

The Wednesday Word, March 12, 2014: Saved to the Uttermost

‘Wherefore, He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.’—Hebrews 7:25.

One of the biggest words in our language is the word, “Uttermost.” It has been said that, ‘no one has ever seen the uttermost nor travelled there. We have mapped the earth, pinpointed the stars and measured the distances between the planets, but in spite of all our learning and knowledge no one has ever located the uttermost!’

The uttermost is like the horizon; it’s always further on. Our understanding of God’s love is like that. Just when we think we have begun to understand it, we see that He loves us to an even deeper degree than we have yet imagined. He loves us to the uttermost! We read in John 13:1, “Having loved his own he loved them to the end (literally, to the uttermost). His love is always greater than we can fathom. He has lavished His amazing love upon us yet, in our experience, its fullest extent, the uttermost, is always farther on.

When we look at Christ’s incarnation and life on our behalf, we glimpse a measure of His love for us, but we are so spiritually dull that it remains only a glimpse. When we look at the cross we continue to receive a sight of His love, but again we can’t grasp its fullest extent because the complete appreciation of His love is always further on. We are loved to the uttermost, but we have not yet arrived there in our understanding. Much as we grasp the wonderful things of the gospel, we are faced with a love that is greater than our comprehension, a love that is always further on. It’s a love to the uttermost!

Notice how in Hebrews 7:25 that we have a Saviour who not only loves us to the uttermost, but who also saves to the uttermost. I’m not sure why some people insist that Jesus can save us and then lose us for the Scripture is clear ...He saves us to the uttermost. He has wonderfully accomplished our salvation and now, as our ever-living High Priest, He richly applies that same salvation to His blood bought possession.

He is able to save to the uttermost!

He is able to save us to the uttermost because He did not save himself (Luke 23:35).

He is able to save us to the uttermost because He died as though he were us (Galatians 2:20).

He is able to save us to the uttermost because He loved us and paid for us with His blood (Revelation 5:9).

He is able to save us to the uttermost because He has an endless priesthood (Hebrews 7:15-17).

He is able to save us to the uttermost because He appears in Heaven for us (Hebrews 9:24).

He is able to save us to the uttermost because, as He appears in Heaven, He presents Himself with His blood (Hebrews 9:12).

He is able to save us to the uttermost for He is applying the blessings of eternal redemption to us (Hebrews 9:12-15).

He is able to save us to the uttermost because he ever lives to make intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25).

That same Priest, who died on the cross, is alive never to die again. That same Jesus, who was buried in the tomb, is risen. He ever lives to ensure that His purchase is saved to the uttermost. He alone, plus nothing, is our salvation, and we rest our faith on Him alone. He is the crucified and risen Lord, the Master of all. He alone is our ever-living High Priest who saves to the uttermost.

And that's the Gospel Truth!