

What Is Salvation?

A Bible Study on the Plan of Salvation



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Wokovu ni nini?

“Mungu aliwaokoa kwa neema yake mlipoamini. Wala hamwezi kujisifia kwa hili; ni zawadi kutoka kwa Mungu. Wokovu si tuzo kwa mambo mema tuliyoifanya, hivyo hakuna mtu yeyote anayeweza kujivunia” (Efe. 2: 8-9 NLT)

Mungu aliumba ulimwengu. Yesu na Roho Mtakatifu pia walihusika katika uumbaji.

“Hapo mwanzo Neno tayari alikuwako. Neno alikuwa pamoja na Mungu, naye Neno alikuwa Mungu. Mungu aliumba kila kitu kupitia kwake, na hakuna kitu chochote kilichoumbwa pasipo yeye” (Yn. 1: 1-3 NLT).

Hii inaonyesha kwamba Yesu ni Nuru ya ulimwengu (Yn. 1: 1-3) na kwamba mpango wa Mungu ulikuwa tayari umeanza.

Mungu aliumba ulimwengu akijua kwamba watu wangemwasi. Uasi huo, unaoitwa dhambi, uliharibu uhusiano wetu na Yeye kwa sababu tulikuwa wenye dhambi na wasio safi.

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“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it” (Eph. 2: 8-9 NLT)

God created the universe. Jesus and the Holy Spirit were also involved in creation.

“In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him” (Jn. 1: 1-3 NLT).

This shows that Jesus is the Light of the world (Jn. 1: 1-3) and that God’s plan was already in motion.

God created the world, knowing that people would disobey Him. That disobedience, called sin, broke our relationship with Him because we became sinful and impure.

Ndiyo maana Mungu alikuwa tayari amepanga kumtuma Yesu ulimwenguni. “Kisha Mungu akasema, ‘Iwe nuru,’ ikawa nuru” (Mwa. 1: 3 NLT). Nuru hii ni Yesu, Nuru ya ulimwengu.

MASWALI YA KUJIFIKIRISHA

Unahisije kujua kwamba Yesu aliteuliwa kuwa Mwokozi kabla ya uumbaji kuanza na kwamba Yeye ndiye Nuru iliyonenwa kabisa?

Hata kabla ya kuwekwa kwa misingi ya ulimwengu, uumbaji ulikuwa safi. Lakini Mungu hakutaka kuumba bila kuwepo nafasi ya kuukomboa.

Hatujui ilichukua muda gani kabla ya watu kutenda dhambi ya kwanza, lakini waliitenda. Walitengwa na Mungu, na sisi pia tumejitenga naye. Kwa sababu tuna hatia ya dhambi, tuko chini ya hukumu.

- “...Mcheni Mungu pekee, ambaye anaweza kuangamiza nafsi na mwili katika jehanamu” (Mt. 10: 28 NLT).
- “Mnaweza kuingia katika Ufalme wa Mungu kupitia mlango mwembamba tu. Njia iendayo jehanamu ni pana, na mlango wake ni mpana kwa wale wengi wanaoichagua” (Mt. 7: 13 NLT).

That is why God had already planned to send Jesus into the world. “Then God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light” (Gen. 1: 3 NLT). This light is Jesus, the Light of the world.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

How does it make you feel that Jesus was designated Savior before creation began and that He was the Light spoken into the world at the very beginning?

Even before the foundation of the world, creation was pure. But God did not want to create it without the opportunity to redeem it.

We do not know how long it was before people committed the first sin, but they did. They were separated from God, and so are we. Because we are guilty of sin, we stand condemned to judgment.

- “... Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell” (Mt. 10: 28 NLT).
- “You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way” (Mt. 7: 13 NLT).

Ili kuzuia utengano huo usidumu milele, ilibidi kuwe na njia ya kurejesha uhusiano wetu na Mungu. Mchakato huu unaitwa wokovu. Ni mchakato kwa njia nyingi zaidi ya moja!

Mpango wa Wokovu ni kazi ya Mungu kabisa. Mungu aliubuni, akauweka katika utekelezaji, na ataukamilisha.

Wokovu ni nini? Wokovu ni mchakato ambao kupitia huo tunaokolewa kutoka katika matokeo ya dhambi na kurejeshwa katika uhusiano na Mungu. Matokeo haya ni kifo cha kiroho na Mungu.

MASWALI YA KUJIFIKIRISHA

Wokovu wako una maana gani kwako?

Ikiwa hujaokolewa, wokovu wako ungekuwa na maana gani kwako?

Ni mchakato gani ulipitia, au unapitia sasa, unapomtafuta Mungu?

To prevent that separation from lasting forever, there had to be a way to restore our relationship with God. This process is called salvation. It is a process in more ways than one!

The Plan of Salvation is entirely God's work. God designed it, put it into action, and will bring it to completion.

What is salvation? Salvation is the process through which we are delivered from the consequences of sin and restored to a relationship with God. These consequences are spiritual death and separation from God.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What does your salvation mean to you?

If you are not saved, what would your salvation mean to you?

What process did you go through, or are you going through, as you search for God?

“Kwa maana jinsi hii Mungu aliupenda ulimwengu: hata akamtoa Mwanawe wa pekee, ili kila mtu amwaminiye asipotee bali awe na uzima wa milele. Mungu hakumtuma Mwanawe ulimwenguni ili ahukumu ulimwengu, bali ili ulimwengu uokolewe kupitia yeye. Hakuna hukumu kwa yeyote anayemwamini. Lakini yeyote asiyemwamini amekwisha hukumiwa kwa sababu hakuamini katika Mwana wa pekee wa Mungu” (Yn. 3: 16-18 NLT).

Tunaendelea kuwa chini ya hukumu ikiwa hatujamkubali Yesu kama Mwokozi na Mkombozi wetu.

Ukombozi unapatikana kwetu kupitia neema ya Mungu pekee. Neema ni fadhili isiyostahiliwa ambayo anatupa kwa sababu ya upendo wake mkuu kwetu.

Basi, mpango wa wokovu ni wa aina gani?

Ni mpango wa hiari. Kwa sababu anatupenda, Mungu anatupa nafasi ya kuchagua ikiwa tutapokea au tutakataa zawadi ya wokovu. Neno linalotumika mara nyingi kuelezea hilo ni hiari ya kuchagua.

MASWALI YA KUJIFIKIRISHA

Je, ni bora kwamba Mpango wa Wokovu ni wa hiari, au Mungu angepaswa kurekebisha tatizo mara moja?

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son” (Jn. 3: 16-18 NLT).

We remain condemned if we have not accepted Jesus as our Savior and Redeemer.

Deliverance is only available to us through the grace of God. Grace is an unmerited favor that He gives to us because of His great love for us.
So, what kind of plan is salvation?

It is a voluntary plan. Because He loves us, God allows us to choose whether or not we are going to accept the gift of salvation. The word often used for that is free will.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Is it better that the Plan of Salvation is voluntary, or should God have fixed the problem immediately?

Haikuchukua muda mrefu kwa watu wawili wa kwanza, Adamu na Hawa, kuchagua kumwasi Mungu. Dhambi hii ya kwanza kwa kawaida inajulikana kama Anguko.

Mpango wa Wokovu ulifunuliwa katika Bustani ya Edeni. “Nitaweka uadui kati yako na huyo mwanamke, na kati ya uzao wako na uzao wake. Yeye atakuponda kichwa, nawe utamchoma kisigino” (Mwa. 3: 15 NLT).

Mpango huu unaonekanaje? Kwanza, hebu tuangalie wokovu sio nini.

Wokovu Hauamuliwi na Juhudi za Binadamu

Hatuwezi kujiokoa wenyewe.

It did not take long for the first two people, Adam and Eve, to choose to disobey God. This first sin is generally identified as the Fall.

The Plan of Salvation was revealed in the Garden of Eden. “And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel” (Gen. 3: 15 NLT).

What does this plan look like? First, let us look at what salvation is not.

Salvation Is not Determined by Human Effort

We cannot save ourselves.

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May God bless you as you continue growing in your relationship with Him.

“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart” (Jer. 29: 13 ESV).