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"I Love This Place"

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It's Give and Take.

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God gives promises and He keeps them.

Future tense view of salvation which refers to the future deliverance all believers in Christ will experience through a glorified resurrected body.

You were saved for Heaven.

Past tense view of salvation—saved from sin's penalty. Several passages of Scripture speak of salvation as wholly "past", or as accomplished and completed for the one who has believed in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

You were saved from being a sinner!

Present tense view of salvation and has to do with present deliverance over the reigning power of sin or the carnal nature's power in the lives of believers.

You were saved for a Purpose!

17 When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, "Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. 18 See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. 19 What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? 20 How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to

bring back some of the fruit of the land." (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.)

There is always a problem in the way of your promise.

Numbers 13: 26-29

The Promise is a test of God's Character.

The Problem is a test of your character.

How do you take care of the problem in the way of your promise?

Silence the critics.

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See **Christ** clearly in you.

All the people we saw there are of great size. 33 We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

What did they do? They compared their giants to themselves.

What do we do? We compare our giants to who God is!

Remember it's Give and Take from a God who is **good**.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you tend to want to wait for "God to take of it?" or do you tend to "claim Jesus" on everything? Where is the balance in this?
2. God has saved us from our past and has sustained our futures with Him in Heaven. How can living out God's promises help you see the value of Salvation for today?
3. How can your "problems" be a blessing from God?
4. What challenges face you today? How do you "GIVE" it to God and "TAKE" his blessings?