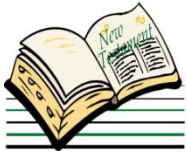


Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: God's Salvation Builds Courage"

Text: Isaiah 41:8-20

Theme: The Gospel is a builder and fortifier of courage.
The Gospel gives us every reason to be strong.

I. The _____ Israel Need Not Be Afraid as Other People Are Afraid (8-16)

A. God Has _____ Israel (8-10)

B. God _____ Their _____ (11-13)

C. God Makes His People _____ of Victory (14-16)

II. What the LORD Will Do in the _____ of Delivering His People (17-20)

A. The LORD Will _____ Their _____ (17)

B. The LORD Will _____ Their _____ (18-19)

C. The LORD Will Make Them _____ and _____ Who He Is (20)

III. Applications

A. The doctrine of _____ must be used
_____. It is for _____ and
_____, not pride or apathy.

B. Salvation is a _____ of life. It
_____ everything about you.

C. The _____ needs to stop being afraid.

Next Week Read: Isaiah 42:1-17

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Who is the LORD's servant in this passage (v. 8)?
2. What does the term "servant" primarily indicate in Isaiah?
3. What is the first reason why Israel is not to be afraid when the terrifying events of the world happen (vv. 8-10)?
4. What is the second reason why Israel must not fear (vv. 11-13)?
5. What will God do regarding Israel's enemies (v. 12c)?
6. What is the third reason why Israel must not worry or fear (vv. 14-16)?
7. How does the LORD describe Israel? What does this mean (v. 14a)?
8. What will Israel become with respect to her enemies (v. 15a)?
9. What will God do to the wilderness (v. 18b)?
10. What three things will the LORD do as He delivers His people (vv. 17-20)?
11. What are some common fears that people have today?
12. How would God's election of Israel keep them from being afraid?
13. How is the doctrine of God's election abused, and how should it be viewed by Christians (see *Westminster Confession of Faith*, 3.8; http://www.reformed.org/documents/wcf_with_proofs/)?
14. What does it mean that salvation encompasses all of life?
15. What are fears, worries, and anxieties with which God's people as a church struggle?