

Sunday, December 8, 2019

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

60. A Light to the Gentiles – Isaiah 49:1-26

Isaiah 44:1-55:13 – The Great Deliverance: The Work of the Servant of the Lord.

I. Israel and the World – vs. 1-6

A. The First Testimony (vs. 1-3)

1. The world-wide audience

- a. Listen to Me – Hear Him – Mark 9:7
- b. Called from His mother’s womb – Jer. 1:5; Isa. 7:14; Gen. 3:15; Psa. 22:9-10
- c. His mouth a sharp sword – Rev. 1:16; 2:16; 19:15, 21
- d. A polished arrow – prepared for a target

2. The Servant prepared and named

a. My Servant, Israel (“God prevails”)

- 1) The first Israel was an individual – Jacob – Gen. 35:9-15
- 2) Then Israel was a nation, but according to Isa. 48:1-2, they could not live up to the name and it was forfeited
- 3) The Servant, now named Israel, is what Israel should have been
  - a) In Whom I will be glorified (show My beauty)
  - b) Usually, when the Lord’s beauty is shown it is in what He has done for His people
  - c) Here, uniquely, this is done for the Lord by His Servant

B. The Second Testimony (vs. 4-6)

1. Is the Servant’s work in vain? – the power and outcome depend upon the Lord
2. The Servant, sent first to Israel – His conception timed and aimed in relation to the work He would do to gather Israel
3. Salvation around the world
  - a. Servant sent to restore and bring back those alienated and far off
  - b. Jacob, Israel, Nations – the Light of Salvation to the ends of the earth – John 8:12; 12:46
  - c. You will be My Salvation – He does not give salvation, He is salvation – Psa. 38:22; 62:2; 118:14; Luke 2:30

II. The Servant’s Success – vs. 7-13

A. World-wide Effectiveness (vs. 7-9b)

1. The Servant and the Gentiles

- a. The Lord, Redeemer, Holy One
- b. Preserving the Servant’s mission despite being despised by the world and its rulers – John 3:19; 19:10-11
- c. He will be acknowledged – Isa. 45:23

2. The Servant and Israel
  - a. The Servant is the Lord's Covenant with His people – being in Him (knowing Him) is being in covenant – Jer. 31:33-34; Luke 22:20
  - b. Preservation, restoration, inheritance, liberation

B. World-wide Gathering (vs. 9c-12)

1. An Exodus – given provision and protection
2. A Gathering
  - a. The Lord will sovereignly manage every aspect of salvation – the Way home
  - b. No distance or location, even if uncharted, will prevent God from gathering His people out of every tribe and nation

C. World-wide Joy (vs. 13)

1. Sing and be joyful
2. The people of God world-wide will find comfort and mercy in the face of opposition and affliction

III. The Unforgetting God – vs. 14-21

A. Gathering God's Family (vs. 14-18)

1. Zion – national Israel – forgotten?
2. Israel needs to remember that God does not forget! – Psa. 78:42; 105:5; 106:7, 45; Isa. 46:9
3. How could He forget His people, His children, they are part of Him
4. Destroyers destroyed
5. More come back than went out

B. Overflowing Blessings (vs. 19-21)

1. Bereaved and Barren
2. Now blessed beyond measure, uncontainable

IV. The Sovereign Lord – vs. 22-26

A. Captors Subservient (vs. 22-23)

1. The Lord's Sovereignty is such that He will bend every power on earth to work for the ingathering of His people
2. Once the nations sought to destroy Zion, now they will serve them – Acts 4:25-28
3. The Banner (standard, ensign) raised – Isa. 11:10, 12; 62:10
4. Those who would join the people of God must first submit to them
5. Delivered by those who sought to destroy
6. Waiting on God is worth it – Isa. 40:31

B. Captors Subdued (vs. 24-26)

1. Can God do this?
2. Yes!
3. To oppose Him is self-destruction
4. I, the Lord, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob