

INTRODUCTION

- A. **EVENT, EXPLANATION, EXHORTATION** (in both chp.2 and in chp.3)
- B. **LORD AND CHRIST** (2:36; see 32,22f & 33f)
- C. **SERVANT AND BLESSING** (3:26; see 26b,25b,13a & 26a;24,25a;18f)
- D. **SUMMARY: LAW & PROPHETS & PSALMS** (c.3 & c.2; see Lk.24:44)
- E. **POINT: WHO BLESSES & WHO IS BLESSED** (3:26)

I. WHO BLESSES (3:26)

- A. **HIS SERVANT JESUS** (13,16; Is.53:11; 41:8,etc.; see Lk.4:18f(Is.61:1f))
- B. **THE HOLY & RIGHTEOUS ONE** (14; 4:27,30; see Is.53:11; see Acts 2:27(Ps.16:10))
- C. **THE LORD OF LIFE** (15; 2:24,32; see Is.53:10f)
- D. **THE SUFFERING SERVANT** (18; Is.52:13-53:12; Zech.12:10; see Heb.10:4f w/Lev.,etc.)
- E. **THE CLEANSER AND REFRESHER** (19; see Ps.51:9,10; see Ps.72:6)
- F. **THE APPOINTED ONE LIKE MOSES** (20,22,23; see Dt.18:15f; Lev.23:29)
- G. **THE APPOINTED ONE LIKE DAVID** (24,20; see 1Sam.16:13; see Ps.99:6)

II. WHO IS BLESSED (“you/r”; see 13,14,17; 16; 19,20,22,25,26)

- A. **THE PEOPLE OF MOSES** (20,22; see Jn.5:45; 9:28)
- B. **THE HEIRS OF THE PROPHETS: THE SERVANT OF THE LORD** (25a,26a; see 13f /Rom.9:3-5)
- C. **THE HEIRS OF ABRAHAM: THE COVENANTED BLESSING** (25b,26b; see Rom.9:3-5; Gal.3:16)
- D. **YOU FIRST** (25; 26; see 13-15,17; see 1:8; c.1-9/10-28; Gal.2:8,9; see Acts 13:46/14:1 & 18:6/19)

III. FOR YOU FIRST! (26)

- A. **SEEK GOD FOR THE BLESSING!** (25,26;19; 2:38 /2:23 /11:18 (Lk.11:1f,13); 1Jn.4:19; Ps.80:3,7,19)
- B. **BRING THIS GOSPEL TO THE JEWS FIRST!** (26,1f; see II,D above /Rom.1:16; 2:9,10; 9:4f; 10:1f; 11:1f,11f,24,28 /Gal.6:10 /Acts 3:25; Rom.11:16; 9:1f; Ps.78:1f; Eph.6:4; 2Tm.1:5f; 3:14f; Heb.12:16; Rom.2:9,10)
- C. **DO NOT REQUIRE JEWS TO BECOME GENTILES!** (see Acts 15:21,19f)
- D. **BRING THIS GOSPEL TO THE GENTILES ALSO!** ((25); 1:8; c10-28; Mt28:19; Rom1:16; 2:9,10 /Ps.22:27)
- E. **DO NOT CONFUSE THE ANCIENT RACE OF JEWS AND THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL!**

Sermon discussion question: *Brethren, what shall WE do?* (see Acts 2:37f)

Recommended resources (see information table)

Christian Witness to Israel (www.cwi.org.uk; *CWI Herald* magazine)

God, Satan and the Jews: The Place of the Jews in Prophecy and History by Frederick S. Leahy