

The Servant of the Lord is our Peace

Sermon 7 in the Isaiah Mini-Series

Isaiah 54

Isaiah is written in dark times, but those times were only going to get darker, before the Servant comes and brings forth the everlasting light.

Isaiah 39 – among other places -- the prophesied Captivity.
But the Servant of the Lord is coming. Isaiah 40:1-2

Each of the 4 Servant Songs has a doxology
Chapters 54 & 55 are the doxology for Isaiah 52:13-53:12
This song is all about “The Good News”.

v. 1 – Sing O barren one – this is spiritual barrenness

In that second part of verse 1 we see that little word “more”.
In Hebrew it is (**rabbim**) which appears 5 times in the 4th Servant Song.
It was translated “many” 4 times and “great” once.

v. 2 -3 This is a promise of going from barrenness to fruitfulness.

It will be the work of the Servant that accomplishes it.
Growth is promised – because of the Servant.
It is pictured with tents needing to be enlarged.

v. 4-5 – Redemption

Redemption to the believing remnant – because of the Servant.
The Servant The Servant has voluntarily formed an unbreakable relationship with His people, he ones for whom he died – see 53:11-12.

- Our redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
- And not just of Israel – but the God of the whole earth – the maker of heaven and earth – redeems a people for himself from the whole earth.

v. 6-7 The compassion of God

Drawing Israel back to Himself.
More than bringing a few back from Babylon.
More than just a small remnant that would rebuild Jerusalem.

Israel seemed deserted and scattered for a brief moment, but she will be **gathered**.

Deuteronomy 30:3-4 -- the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and **gather** you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. ⁴ If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the LORD your God **will gather** you, and from there He will bring you.

v. 9-10 – The Servant made a Covenant of Peace. 53:5b

The Lord will not forsake His elect.

Covenant of Peace – think of the New Covenant.

We find it in Jeremiah 31:31-37

Ezekiel 34:22 – to the end of the chapter (much figurative language).

²² therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

²⁵ “**I will make a covenant of peace with them**, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶ I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; **there shall be showers of blessing**.”

v. 11-12 –The eternal city we have seen in Revelation 21. This is the City of God.

v. 13 -- The children will be taught the ways of the Lord and that they have peace with God through the Messiah who died for them.

v. 14 – Righteousness (vindication)

53:11 ESV -- by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

v. 15-16 – are the prelude to v. 17

v. 17 – For the first time – we see “servants”, plural.

For the rest of the book – it will always be plural “servants”.
These are the offspring of Messiah – 53:10