

Sunday, March 29, 2020

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

73. The Gospel of Isaiah – Isaiah 53:7-8; Acts 8:26-40

“He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.”

- I. A Willing Sacrifice – vs. 7b-8a
 - A. Without Resistance – Mark 14:60-61; Luke 23:9
 - 1. A lamb and sheep go to whatever awaits them
 - a. Slaughter or shearing – they don’t know where or why they are going, they just go
 - b. He knew, and went with (pre)determination – Acts 2:23
 - 2. No physical or verbal resistance – Phil. 4:6-7
 - 3. Who has ever had more right to complain about their circumstances or treatment? – Phil. 2:12-16 (context 2:5-11)
 - 4. A submitted mind (heart) and silent tongue – He did not deserve to die, but was willing to die
 - 5. We sin because we want to; He died because He wanted to
 - a. Only a person can substitute for a person
 - b. Only a consenting, obedient will can substitute for a rebellious will
 - B. Sentenced
 - 1. Arrested and imprisoned – all restraint and protection removed
 - 2. Nothing could stop the proceedings to which He submitted Himself
 - C. Taken Out to Die – Prov. 24:11
 - D. Who Protested?
 - 1. No one in His circle protested after Peter in the Garden
 - 2. What did His generation (contemporaries) miss?
 - a. He was sent to die – Psa. 27:13; 116:9; 142:5-6; Isa. 38:11; Jer. 11:19
 - b. He died for His people’s rebellion, submitting to suffer what they deserved
- II. A Witnessing Servant
 - A. Growing Pains
 - 1. Struggling – Acts 6:1-7
 - a. Seven Servants Chosen – steeped in Scripture, men of courage
 - b. Stephen – Acts 7 – “able to stand before the highest tribunal of his day, give an articulate, well-reasoned analysis of Israel’s history, and advance the gospel” – Boice, pg. 139

- c. Philip – Acts 8 – earned the title evangelist, went to Samaria preaching and impacting many, including Simon the magician and the Ethiopian eunuch
 - 2. Scattering – Acts 8:1-3
- B. Gospel Program (spreading) – Acts 8:26-30
 - 1. The Call to Go – vs. 26
 - a. Called away from a busy revival
 - b. Peter and John had come to check on what was happening
 - c. Sent by an angel to a deserted desert road
 - 1) Why here? Why me? What that work?
 - 2) Isaiah 55:8
 - 2. The Called – vs. 27-29
 - a. Ethiopia – region of the Upper Nile – to Greeks “the edge of the world” – Acts 1:8
 - b. The Keeper of the Treasury for a very rich nation
 - c. Had a copy if Isaiah in Greek (LXX)
 - 3. The Convinced – vs. 30-38
 - a. Do you understand?
 - b. I need someone to explain it to me
 - c. The Atonement – Isaiah 53 – recently fulfilled!
 - d. Who is this man?
 - e. Starting with this very Scripture, Philip preached Jesus
 - 1) Start where you are
 - 2) Preach Christ
 - 3) Expect Obedience – submission to the message, repentance, faith, obedience = baptism and good works
 - f. The Great Commission – look, water!
 - 4. The Conclusion – vs. 39-40
 - a. The Eunuch went on his way rejoicing – without one gospel (Matt, Mark, Luke, John, yet being unwritten), yet with the gospel of Isaiah
 - b. Philip went on preaching – we don’t hear from him again for almost 20 years until we find him settled in Caesarea with 4 daughters....all of them preaching the gospel