

Sunday, May 19, 2019

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

31. Perfect Peace – Isaiah 26:1-21

Review: Moab, the high walled, safe city will fall. God's people will be fortified and given peace and safety in Zion. Isaiah 25:9

- I. A Song of Salvation – vs. 1-6
 - A. A Strong City
 - 1. Zion stands firm – Moab is left to putrefy in a pool, but as for Zion – Eph. 5:25-27
 - 2. God will Appoint Salvation (Yeshua) – a sure defense – Isa. 25:4
 - B. The Righteous Nation Keeps Faithfulness – Rev. 21:22-27
 - C. Perfect Peace – on our own we are not stable
 - 1. Peace – wholeness, fullness of wellbeing, “true repose in the sunshine of God's favor”
 - 2. Focus – a mind stayed on God – Prov. 3:5-6; James 1:5-8; Prov. 16:3
 - 3. Faith – Psa. 112:7
 - a. Established in the Faith – 1 Peter 5:9
 - b. Grounded and Rooted – Col. 2:7
 - c. The Steadfastness of Your Faith – Col. 2:5
 - d. As for the mind that is stayed on God, thou wilt keep it in perfect peace.
 - D. Trust in the Lord
 - 1. Truth makes men evangelistic
 - 2. Trust in the Lord and therefore renounce all trust and confidence in yourself and in other people
 - 3. Everlasting strength = the Rock of Ages
 - 4. Quote #1
 - E. The Lord Abases the Haughty and Exalts the Humble – Psa. 75:5-10
- II. A Prayer for Protection – vs. 7-19
 - A. The Path for the Righteous is Straight (vs. 7-9)
 - 1. God levels it – removes the obstacles
 - 2. The way of the wicked is crooked – Prov. 2:10-15
 - 3. On the Way, waiting for His judgments
 - 4. Longing for His Name, waiting for Him day and night – Exodus 3:15b; Psa. 30:4
 - 5. His judgment will show the world righteousness
 - B. The Wicked Will Not Seek Righteousness (vs. 10)
 - 1. Even if shown favor, grace – John 10:26; Titus 2:11
 - 2. His goodness leads His people to repentance – Romans 2:4
 - C. Lord! (vs. 11-19)
 - 1. High hand – ready to act and exercise power – Psa. 89:13
 - a. Wicked do not see (perceive, understand) – Isa. 6:9
 - b. Wicked will see (experience) His judgment – fire
 - 2. You establish peace
 - a. You do the work in us
 - b. Fulfill obligations, yield fruit – Eph. 2:10
 - 3. You alone are our God
 - 4. Those who ruled over us are dead and will live no more – Isa. 14:22
 - 5. As You destroy the enemy You expand Your Kingdom – The meek shall inherit the land? No! The Earth!

6. Affliction drives us to You – Ahaz sought help from Assyria, God judged, the People cried out – 2 Chron. 29:8; Psa. 119:71
 7. We tried to save ourselves, but for all our “labor” only brought forth wind (nothing, futility) and our enemies still stand
 8. Where we fail, God succeeds – Resurrection
 - a. They Will Live
 - b. Your dead – Psa. 44:22
 - c. My corpse
 - d. They will arise
- III. An Address to the People – vs. 20-21
- A. Oppression and Suffering Has Not Ended
 1. Future glory is a reality, but a future reality
 2. It will not be brought about by human power but as God works out His wondrous purposes of redemption
 3. Hide Yourselves! (in His perfect peace) – like Passover
 - B. Blood Calls for Vengeance – Micah 1:3; Gen. 4:10-11
 - C. Perfect Justice Will Be Done – “Vengeance is Mine, says the Lord” – Rom. 12:17-21

Quote #1 – “The Prophets tell men that they are sinners, that they have broken the law of God and disobeyed His commandments. Therefore a certain judgment is coming upon them which will result in their punishment. If they would escape the judgment, have hope in this life, and have true peace that God alone can give them, they must place all their confidence in God.” – Young, pg. 208-209