

Sunday, May 17, 2020

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

80. Restoring the Backslider – Isaiah 57:14-21

Intro: After looking at the irresponsible leaders and the unfaithful people of Israel, God offers a glimpse of the road home. How do we get where we need to go to be in His presence, dwelling with Him in peace and reconciliation?

- I. The Road Home – vs. 14
 - A. The Answer to How (see vs. 13 – But he who puts his trust...)
 - B. A Road, Built Up without Obstacles
 1. To the Lord's dwelling place – Psa. 91:9; Eph. 2:20-22
 2. No stumbling – falling down/offenses, falling away – Psa. 56:13; 116:8-9
- II. The Dwelling Place of the Most High – vs. 15
 - A. The High and Lofty One
 1. Transcendent, upraised, over all
 2. Eternally dwelling, the everlasting God
 3. Holy is His name – defining Who He is - His divine nature, perfection, and majesty
 - B. He is Coming to Live Among His People – Exodus 25:8; 29:45
 1. His dwelling matches His nature – high and holy
 2. The contrite and humble are there with Him
 - a. Contrite – crushed by suffering, battered by life – Psa. 34:18; 51:17; Isa. 66:2
 - b. Humble – lowly, those who know their rightful place at the bottom (but the Lord does not leave them there) – Rom. 12:16; James 4:6; 1 Peter 1:5-7
 - C. Revival – to give new life to the humble and crushed – Psa. 119:37, 40, 107
- III. The History of Humanity – vs. 16-17
 - A. How Will He Do This?
 1. He will restrain His anger
 2. His full wrath would destroy life – think of Christ bearing His wrath, how could we survive?
 - B. Man in Fell due to Sinful Greed
 1. God's Divine Anger – wrath
 2. God's Opposition – struck down in the fall
 3. God Hid – withdrawal of fellowship
 4. God's Anger – disfavor
 5. Yet man kept running away into sin, backsliding in his willful ways
- IV. The Hope of Healing – vs. 18-19
 - A. Man Has Not Changed (Cannot Change), so God Changes Man – Eph. 4:17-24
 1. I will heal him because he cannot heal himself – Jer. 13:23
 2. I will lead, redirecting his life from backslidden ways – 2 Tim. 1:8-10
 3. I will restore comfort – from crushing humiliation to complete restoration – Psa. 23:3
 4. I will create the fruit of his lips – give him the words he needs to say – Acts 5:31; 11:18
 - B. Peace, Peace – true Peace! – Romans 5:1-11
- V. The Hopelessness of the Wicked – vs. 20-21
 - A. The Wicked
 1. Those declared guilty
 2. Disturbed, turbulent, no peace – James 1:2-8; Eph. 4:13-15
 - a. Not external discomfort
 - b. Internal raging and instability
 3. They cannot rest, but are always stirred up – Matt. 7:20-23
 - B. No Peace – not even at death, only everlasting torment

Cross References:

Psalm 91:9

Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

Ephesians 2:20-22

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Psalm 56:13

For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, That I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Psalm 116:8-9

For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling. 9 I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Exodus 25:8

And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 29:45

I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God.

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

Isaiah 66:2

For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist,” Says the Lord. “But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

Romans 12:16

Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

James 4:6

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

1 Peter 1:5-7

who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

Psalm 119:37

Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way.

Psalm 119:40

Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness.

Psalm 119:107

I am afflicted very much; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.

Ephesians 4:17-24

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Jeremiah 13:23

Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Then may you also do good who are accustomed to do evil.

2 Timothy 1:8-10

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, 10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Psalm 23:3

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Acts 5:31

Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 11:18

When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.”

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

James 1:2-8

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Ephesians 4:13-15

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Matthew 7:20-23

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’