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God is My Salvation – Isaiah

86. Beulah Land – Isaiah 61:7-62:12

Intro: The Anointed One sets Himself to the task of the salvation of His people. In chapter 61 and 62 we see that it is Christ who is appointed for this work of salvation and we see a glimpse of the final fulfillment of the promises of God to His people.

- I. A Joyful People – 61:7-9
 - A. An abundant inheritance – Job 42:10
 1. Instead of shame, double honor
 2. Instead of confusion, rejoicing in their inheritance
 3. Everlasting joy – Isa. 35:10
 - B. The Lord loves justice
 1. His character and attributes
 2. He hates robbery for burnt offering – cutting the sacrifice short
 3. He, on other hand, will hold nothing back in rewarding
 4. He will direct their wage earning in faithfulness – to reach the desired end
 5. By an everlasting covenant
 - C. God’s people will be distinct, set apart, transformed into something unlike the world has ever seen
- II. The Joyful Work of Salvation – 61:10-62:7
 - A. Dressed to Save (vs. 10-11) – clothing reveals character
 1. The people could not save themselves
 2. The Lord clothes His Servant, the Anointed One, with garments of salvation and righteousness
 3. He is dressed to do what they need done
 - a. To be delivered from sin and wrath
 - b. To be right with God
 4. This saving work results in praise
 - B. A New Name and New Royal Distinction (vs. 1-3)
 1. The Anointed One will not be still (inactive)
 - a. He will give Himself to ceaseless prayer and activity – Heb. 7:25; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:15-16
 - b. His people will enjoy the fruit of His work (salvation and righteousness)
 2. His people will be a light to the world – John 1:4-5; 12:46; Matt. 5:14
 3. He gives His people a new name – Rev. 2:17; 3:12; 19:11-14
 4. This new nature and righteousness makes Zion a crown and diadem
 - a. In the Lord’s hand – upheld, kept, guarded
 - b. Not worn – exercising royal power
 - c. Held – possessing royal worth and dignity
 - d. The Lord’s people are the sign that He is King
 - C. A New Name and New Status (vs. 4-5)
 1. No longer called Desolate and Forsaken
 - a. Now named Hephzibah – “my delight is in her”
 - b. The land named Beulah – “married”
 2. The weddings and the honeymoon – Zion will be the object of cherishing love and the Lord will enjoy “honeymoon delight” with those the Anointed One has saved and made right with Him – Rev. 19:6-9
 - D. Watch and Pray (vs. 6-7)

1. The Interceding Watchmen – Luke 2:36-38
 2. Put the Lord in remembrance – “We are called to pray and put the Lord in remembrance, not that He would forget, but that our prayers are, by His will, in some way a vital ingredient in the implementing of His promises.” - Motyer
 3. Prayer is
 - a. Disciplined – give yourselves no rest – 1 Thess. 5:17
 - b. Urgent – give Him no rest – Luke 18:1-8
 - c. Sustained – until He establishes (fulfills and finishes) the work of saving His people – Matt. 25:13; Mark 13:33; 1 Peter 4:7
- III. A Joyful Conclusion - 62:8-12
- A. Praise for Preservation (vs. 8-9)
 1. One strong enough for the task
 - a. Hand – personal agency
 - b. Arm – personal power
 2. I will preserve you and what is yours – Matt. 6:19-21; Psa. 37:28
 3. The result is praise for preservation – Psa. 28:7; 142:5-7
 - B. Preparing for the Pilgrimage (vs. 10) – going home, marching to Zion
 1. Invitation sent, road resurfaced, gates open
 2. Those far and near called to gather and join the pilgrimage
 - C. His People (vs. 11-12)
 1. Zion hears her salvation is on its way!
 2. His reward – both what He has earned and what He has accomplished – saving His people – John 17:1-2, 24
 3. What has the Anointed One accomplished?
 - a. Holy People – 1 Peter 2:9
 - b. Redeemed of the Lord – Rev. 5:9-10
 - c. Sought – Ezek. 34:11; Luke 19:10
 - d. Not Forsaken – Heb. 13:5
 - e. He will finish what He started – Phil. 1:6; Hebrews 12:1-2

Cross References:

Job 42:10

And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Isaiah 35:10

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Matthew 16:18

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Ephesians 4:15-16

but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

John 1:4-5

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 12:46

I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

Revelation 2:17

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.” ’

Revelation 3:12

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

Revelation 19:11-14

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

Revelation 19:6-9

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”

Luke 2:36-38

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; 37 and this woman was a widow of

about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

Luke 18:1-8

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ” 6 Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

Matthew 25:13

“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Mark 13:33

Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

1 Peter 4:7

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Psalms 37:28

For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

Psalms 28:7

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.

Psalms 142:5-7

I cried out to You, O Lord: I said, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living. 6 Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I. 7 Bring

my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name; the righteous shall surround me, for You shall deal bountifully with me.”

John 17:1-2, 24

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 24 “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”

Ezekiel 34:11

‘For thus says the Lord God: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

Luke 19:10

for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Hebrews 13:5

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.