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God is My Salvation – Isaiah

40. A Very Far Off Land – [Isa. 33:1-24](#)

Intro: [2 Kings 18:13-37](#) – Hezekiah offers to pay Assyria off, they accept, but then still advance to attack, promising peace, provision, and relocation to a good land and new life.

- I. The Sixth Woe – [vs. 1-6](#)
 - A. Destroyers and Deceivers (vs. 1) (Quote 1) – any means to conquer
 - B. God's People Cry Out (vs. 2-5)
 1. When pressed, the church prays – [Acts 12:5](#)
 2. O LORD, be gracious, we wait, be our strength and salvation
 3. When You answer – the thunder of Your voice – people flee and nations are scattered
 4. When the Lord stands up – [Psa. 35:1-3; Job 41:8-11](#)
 - a. The battle is over before it starts – [Rev. 19:19-20](#)
 - b. The Lord IS raised up – [Psa. 47:2; 92:8; 97:9; 113:4](#) – He proves Himself to be high above – God rising up in itself is nothing remarkable, it expresses what has always been true – but now His people will be aware!
 - c. He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness
 - C. A Sure Foundation (vs. 6) – [Psa. 111:10; 128:1; Prov. 1:7; 2:5; 8:13; 14:26](#)
 1. Divine Resources provide stability in times of distress
 2. Wisdom for true guidance
 3. Knowledge of the truth
 4. The fear of the Lord is the key to the storehouse of salvation
- II. Judgment of the Peoples – [vs. 7-12](#)
 - A. Ineffective Human Effort (vs. 7-9)
 1. Appealing to Egypt and bribing Assyria are futile
 2. Those trying to find peace are duped
 3. The earth mourns and the landscape is withered (Quote 2)
 - B. Now! Now! Now! (vs. 10)
 - C. Sowing and Reaping (vs. 11-12) – (When God stands up, three things happen)
 1. Sin's Birth - the inevitable outcome of past decisions – they conceived plans without God (chaff) and now give birth (achievements are stubble)
 2. Sin Boomerangs – sinners cause their own doom, devoured by their own breath/spirit
 3. Sinners Burned – punishment, shall be burned as with lime/whitewashing
 4. Sin ruins the life of the sinner and stirs up the wrath of God – [Gal. 6:7-8](#)
- III. Hear and See – [vs. 13-24](#)
 - A. Zion's People (vs. 13-16)
 1. Hear: a universal proclamation – what God does for His people has world-wide significance
 2. Sinners fear, hypocrites are terrorized
 3. The question to ask: Who can dwell together with this devouring fire?
 4. The answer – [Psalm 15; 24](#)
 - a. He who walks righteously
 - b. He who speaks uprightly
 - c. Despises wicked gain and bribes
 - d. Guards his ears and eyes against anything bringing guilt before God or hurt to others
 - e. He will dwell on high – finding refuge and provision in the Lord – Rock, Bread, Water

B. Zion's King (vs. 17-24)

1. See: the King in His beauty (excellence)
2. See: the land that is very far off – [Heb. 11:9-10](#)
3. Hearts will ponder the terror of the past, the former conditions
4. Not see: the enemy disappears
5. Look! See Zion! – [Heb. 11:3](#)
 - a. A quiet home – peace
 - b. A permanent Tabernacle – the pilgrimage complete
 - c. The Lord's presence in power
 - d. Freedom from war ships
 - e. The Lord is King, Judge, Lawgiver, Savior
 - f. The wounded ship of Israel – loose tackle, weak mast, no sail – takes the spoil!
 - g. The victory has been won, not by them, but for them
6. The comfort of the gospel of the Kingdom (Quote 3)
 - a. No sickness or sin
 - b. No physical or spiritual malady

Quote 1 – “The Lord’s perfect management of human affairs guarantees that for every trickster there is a trickster to outdo him, until in the end all alike perish in their cleverness.”

Quote 2 – Motyer: “The start of sinful people’s corruption of God’s fair earth was as small as the first weed, but its end is a withered world.”

Quote 3 – Young: “The grounds for peace, security, and blessedness that will come upon God’s people – their iniquity has been lifted up from them, held no longer against them. They are forgiven.”