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God is My Salvation – Isaiah

87. Victory and Vengeance – Isaiah 63:1-14

In Isaiah 59-63 we are presented with the Coming Conqueror, Christ the Anointed One who sets Himself to the task of the salvation of His people and vengeance upon their enemies. In chapter 63 we see that day of vengeance and victory and realize that there cannot be salvation without judgment, nor mercy without wrath.

- I. Salvation is Coming – vs. 1 – Isa. 62:11
 - A. Who is this Coming?
 - 1. Looking for a king, a politician, a human deliverer
 - 2. Instead a Man, covered in stained garments
 - B. A Figure Stained Red
 - 1. Edom – Gen. 25:30; Isa. 34:6
 - 2. Bozrah – vintage where you tread the winepress – Rev. 19:13
 - C. Striding in Strength – Micah 5:4-5a
 - D. Mighty to Save – Psa. 106:8; Zeph. 3:17
- II. Wrath and Redemption – vs. 2-4
 - A. Why the Red Stains? (vs. 2)
 - 1. How do you explain the stains?
 - 2. Have you been in a winepress?
 - B. Judgment Belongs to Christ Alone (vs. 3) – John 5:22, 30
 - 1. No help, no people, no nation – I did this alone
 - 2. Anger and wrath – Rev. 14:17-20; 19:15
 - a. Intense personal anger
 - b. Clothing spattered with blood, stained by violent stomping
 - C. Day of Vengeance, Year of Redemption (vs. 4) – Isa. 61:2; 49:8; 60:7, 10; 13:9, 13; Zeph. 1:15; Rom. 2:5-6; Rev. 6:17
- III. Christ Alone – vs. 5-6
 - A. My Own Arm Worked Salvation (vs. 5) – Isa. 59:16
 - 1. No one to help or uphold
 - 2. Sustained by wrath until the work was done
 - 3. Wrath and redemption are undergirded by righteousness, justice, and holiness
 - B. I Shattered Them by My Wrath (vs. 6) – Psa. 44:6; Jer. 12:10
 - 1. Drunk, undone
 - 2. Brought down to earth
 - a. Debased – Isa. 2:12
 - b. Blood poured on the ground – 2 Sam. 14:14
 - C. The Wrath of the Lamb
 - 1. Who can stand? – Rev. 6:15-16; Mal. 3:2
 - 2. He will bring this vengeance – Rom. 12:19; Deut. 32:43; Psa. 58:10; 149:6-7; 2 Thess. 1:8-9
 - 3. We recoil from wrath, yet our reaction cannot be trusted – “We know nothing of the emotions proper to absolute holiness – the just, merited, and inevitable final settlement between God and all that defiles and opposes.” – Motyer
 - 4. There cannot be a day of salvation without a day of judgment.
 - 5. God’s mercy and God’s wrath stand not in contradiction, but in union – upholding His holiness.

- IV. He Became Their Savior – vs. 7-14
 - A. The Foundation of Intercession – the mind of God regarding His people
 - B. Lovingkindness, Great Goodness, and Mercy (vs. 7)
 - 1. Every aspect of the Lord’s unfailing love
 - 2. The deeds for which He is praised – Psa. 28:7; 139:14; 150:2
 - 3. Abundant goodness – Psa. 78:4; 106:1; 135:3
 - 4. According to His mercy – Psa. 63:3; 117:2
 - C. They Are My People (vs. 8-9)
 - 1. We see the beginning of the Lord’s love – election to salvation – Isa. 42:1; 45:4; Eph. 1:3-6
 - 2. Examples in Exodus
 - a. Through the Red Sea their deliverance was completed and sealed – Exodus 14:30
 - b. They had a covenant to live up to – but did they?
 - 3. He was afflicted with their affliction – He identified with them – Isa. 53:5, 11
 - a. The Angel of His Face saved them – Heb. 1:1-4
 - b. In love and pity He redeemed them
 - 1) Love – delights in companionship
 - 2) Pity – “gentle pity that spares” – Gen. 19:15-16
 - 3) Redeemed – Gen. 48:15-16
 - D. God’s Sovereignty and Man’s Responsibility (vs. 10-13)
 - 1. But they rebelled – Psa. 78:10-17, 32-39; Eph. 4:28-31
 - 2. Trinity – The LORD, the Angel of His Face, the Holy Spirit
 - 3. Remember the Beginning – Jer. 2:2-3
 - E. Make Yourself a Glorious Name
 - 1. Ask God to remember – Isa. 62:6-7 - 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
 - 2. This is how you guided out of love, despite offense
 - 3. Was it all for nothing?
 - 4. “They for their part have never lived out the implications of their sonship – but the Lord’s love for them is unfailing” – King
 - 5. He will live up to His glorious name – Psa. 29:2; 72:19

CROSS REFERENCES

Isaiah 62:11

Indeed the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the world: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Surely your salvation is coming; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.’ ”

Genesis 25:30

And Esau said to Jacob, “Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary.” Therefore his name was called Edom.

Isaiah 34:6

The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made overflowing with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the Lord has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

Revelation 19:13

He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

Micah 5:4-5

And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; and they shall abide, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth; and this One shall be peace.

Psalms 106:8

Nevertheless He saved them for His name’s sake, that He might make His mighty power known.

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

John 5:22, 30

22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

Revelation 14:17-20

17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.” 19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was

trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

Revelation 19:15

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Isaiah 61:2

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn,

Isaiah 49:8

Thus says the Lord: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped you; I will preserve You and give You as a covenant to the people, to restore the earth, to cause them to inherit the desolate heritages;

Isaiah 60:7, 10

All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory.

"The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in My wrath I struck you, but in My favor I have had mercy on you.

Isaiah 13:9, 13

Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it.

Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.

Zephaniah 1:15

That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of devastation and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

Romans 2:5-6

But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds":

Revelation 6:17

For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Isaiah 59:16

He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him.

Psalm 44:6

For I will not trust in my bow, nor shall my sword save me.

Jeremiah 12:10

“Many rulers have destroyed My vineyard, they have trodden My portion underfoot; they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

Isaiah 2:12

For the day of the Lord of hosts shall come upon everything proud and lofty, upon everything lifted up—and it shall be brought low—

2 Samuel 14:14

For we will surely die and become like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again.

Revelation 6:15-16

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

Malachi 3:2

“But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like launderers’ soap.

Romans 12:19

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

Deuteronomy 32:43

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people.”

Psalm 58:10

The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked,

Psalm 149:6-7

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples;

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Psalm 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.

Psalm 139:14

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.

Psalm 150:2

Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Psalm 78:4

We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

Psalm 106:1

Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 135:3

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.

Psalm 63:3

Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You.

Psalm 117:2

For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

Isaiah 42:1

“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.

Isaiah 45:4

For Jacob My servant's sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.

Ephesians 1:3-6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Exodus 14:30

So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

Isaiah 53:5, 11

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

Hebrews 1:1-4

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Genesis 19:15-16

When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." 16 And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

Psalms 78:10-17

They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law, 11 And forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them. 12 Marvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers, In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. 13 He divided the sea and caused them to pass through; And He made the waters stand up like a heap. 14 In the daytime also He led them with the cloud, And all the night with a light of fire. 15 He split the rocks in the wilderness, And gave them drink in abundance like the depths. 16 He also brought streams out of the rock, And caused waters to run down like rivers. 17 But they sinned even more against Him By rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.

Psalm 78:32-39

In spite of this they still sinned, And did not believe in His wondrous works. 33 Therefore their days He consumed in futility, And their years in fear. 34 When He slew them, then they sought Him; And they returned and sought earnestly for God. 35 Then they remembered that God was their rock, And the Most High God their Redeemer. 36 Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth, And they lied to Him with their tongue; 37 For their heart was not steadfast with Him, Nor were they faithful in His covenant. 38 But He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, And did not destroy them. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, And did not stir up all His wrath; 39 For He remembered that they were but flesh, A breath that passes away and does not come again.

Ephesians 4:29-31

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

Jeremiah 2:2-3

“Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord: “I remember you, The kindness of your youth, The love of your betrothal, When you went after Me in the wilderness, In a land not sown. 3 Israel was holiness to the Lord, The firstfruits of His increase. All that devour him will offend; Disaster will come upon them,” says the Lord.’ ”

Isaiah 62:6-7

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, 7 And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Psalm 29:2

Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Psalm 72:19

And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.