

Sunday, January 5, 2020

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

61. Israel's Hope – Isa. 50:1-11

Has the Lord forsaken and forgotten His people? (Isaiah 49:14) No! When He comes to them He finds them unresponsive with their relationship in need of repair, though seemingly permanently terminated.

I. The Unresponsive Sinners – vs. 1-3

A. Irreparable?

1. Divorce – has the relationship been rendered dissolved?
2. No certificate means it has not been finalized – Deut. 24:1-4

B. Unredeemable?

1. Sold to pay the debt – the slave market – Exodus 21:7; Neh. 5:1-5
2. Can the debt be paid? – Hos. 3:1-5

C. No Remedy for Rebellion?

1. You've done this to yourselves
2. See Judges 2:14; 3:8-9; 4:2; 10:7

D. Why Was There No One to Answer? – Isa. 5:4

1. I Came, I Called – Gen. 3:8
2. No man answered (but the Servant will answer)
3. Ransom – Psa. 111:9; 130:7
4. Power – effortless sovereignty
  - a. Indeed – Behold, See
  - b. The Lord is able to do what He promises – just look at His works in Creation and His power over it
    - 1) Dry up the waters – Exodus 14:13-14, 21-22
    - 2) Strike the water, turning it to blood – Exodus 7:17-18
    - 3) Turn the light of day to darkness – Exodus 10:21, 23
5. Their failure to respond leaves them without excuse

II. The Responsive Servant – vs. 4-6

A. Israel Does not Hear, but the Servant Hears and Speaks – John 14:10, 24

B. Israel Turned Away, but the Servant Obeys at Cost – Phil. 2:8; Heb. 12:1-2; Matt. 27:27-31; Luke 18:31-33

III. The Sovereign Lord Helps – vs. 7-9

A. The Lord will Help Me

1. I Will Not Be Disgraced (uncertainty of outcome, end in confusion)
2. I Am Determined
3. I Will Not Be Put to Shame

B. Justified – declared to be right/innocent

1. No truth to charges or accusations
  2. Innocent, without stain
  3. The One who accounts Me righteous will bring a verdict of innocence – the Lord is on My side – Rom. 8:31-39
- C. The Sovereign Lord Helps – My enemies will be worn out and helpless – Psa. 39:11-12; Isa. 51:6
- IV. The Submissive and the Self-Sufficient – vs. 10-11
- A. Those Who Follow the Servant
1. Fear the Lord
  2. Obey the Servant
  3. Walks in darkness, but by faith – when we walk with Him and follow Him we will be hated like Him – Luke 9:35; Exodus 20:18-21; Psa. 23:4; John 15:18-25
- B. Those Who Are Self-Sufficient
1. Walk in self-kindled light (self-enlightenment)
  2. Surrounded by their own insight
  3. Will lie down in torment – going your own way, dealing with darkness with a DIY attitude, leads only to doom – Rev. 3:17-18