

Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: The New Creation"

Text: Isaiah 65:17-25

Theme: The hope of a new world is not an empty promise. It has already begun. It is not yet completely here now, but will be as the Gospel continues its advance throughout the world.

I. God's _____ of the New Heavens and the New Earth (17-19)

A. The _____ of God (17a)

B. A _____ and _____ World (17b-19)

II. Examples of _____ in the New Heavens and the New Earth (20-25)

A. No _____ (20)

B. _____ and _____ (21-22)

C. Worthwhile _____ and _____ That Are Prosperous and Blessed by God (23)

D. Quicker _____ to _____ (24)

E. The _____ of _____ Nature (25)

III. Applications

A. The New Heavens and the New Earth _____ with the _____ of the Holy Spirit on the human _____.

B. The new _____ is absolutely _____ in order to see the New Heavens and the New Earth.

C. The Gospel guarantees that your _____ for the Kingdom of God is not in _____.

Next Week Read: Isaiah 66:7-14

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What does God create that is new (v. 17a)?
2. What is to be our response to this? Why? (v. 18)
3. What is the other name used for the New Heavens and the New Earth (v. 18b)?
4. What will be absent from this place (v. 19b)?
5. How is the life span of people described in this place (v. 20)?
6. What Old Covenant curse for violation will be conspicuously nonexistent (vv. 21-22)? What does this indicate?
7. What two specific spheres of human endeavor will be especially prosperous and blessed by God (v. 23)?
8. What will be the description of the LORD's response to the prayers of His people (v. 24)? What does this indicate?
9. Will there be animals in this place? What will be their interactions one with another (v. 25a,b)?
10. What does the mention of the serpent suggest (v. 25c)?
11. What are features of the New Heavens and the New Earth that appeal to you?
12. Is this description of the New Heavens and the New Earth figurative or literal? What would be the difference between the two as to how we view this place?
13. In what sense could there be literal death in the New Heavens and the New Earth if there is to be no more sadness or weeping and mourning?
14. Do you think this passage describes conditions before or after Jesus returns the second time to earth?
15. How does the concept of the New Heavens and the New Earth inform your view of heaven? Are these two related? Are they completely separate ideas?
16. When will the New Heavens and the New Earth begin?
17. How does one become a resident of the New Heavens and the New Earth?
18. What New Testament passages relate to and expound upon Isaiah's concept of the New Heavens and the New Earth?