

Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: The Branch of the LORD"

Text: Isaiah 4:2-6

Theme: Christ Jesus is the Branch. In Him is the glorious future and the hope of the present through the Gospel. The Gospel is our present and our future. It is our present because the re-creation of the world has begun with the work of the Messiah, the Branch, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. All things are in the process of being made new right now.

I. The Context Preceding Isaiah 4:2-6

- A. God's Kingdom Is _____ Over All (2:1-5)
- B. God Will Humble His People for Their _____ and Syncretism (fusing of belief systems) on That Day (2:6-22)
- C. Judah's Leaders Will Be _____ for Their Willful Failures on That Day (3:1-15)
- D. Judah's _____ Will Be Humiliated on That Day (3:16-4:1)

II. The Royal _____ on That Day (4:2-6)

- A. The _____ Exalted (4:2)

- B. The _____ Cleansed (4:3-4)

- C. The Work of _____ by God (4:5-6)

III. Applications

- A. Only in the _____ is there a _____ for you.

- B. The Gospel is about what _____ _____ for the world, not what _____ _____ for Him.

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

C. The _____ is the
_____ that comes from the broken
_____ of a faithless nation to
_____ the world.

D. The Gospel progresses _____ and
yet its results are _____.

1. What will be “beautiful and glorious” on the day that God acts on behalf of His people (4:2)?
2. About whom does this refer?
3. What other major prophet speaks of the “branch”?
4. Who will be called “holy” (4:3a)?
5. For what are these people recorded (4:3b)?
6. Why is this possible (4:4)?
7. Who does this (4:4a)?
8. How is this accomplished (4:4b)?
9. What does the LORD create for His people (4:5)?
10. What does the “booth” that God creates do for His people (4:6)? What does this signify?
11. What are your plans beyond retirement?
12. How does the Gospel give you hope? What expectations do you entertain because God has announced His good news?
13. Why do people need to be “washed” by God from the uncleanness of their filth? How does this happen?
14. How do we know that Jesus is the “branch of the LORD”?
15. Why do you suppose the progress of the Gospel seems so slow? In other words, why doesn’t God simply re-create everything in the world all at once? How does the concept of the “branch” contribute to this idea of a slow but continuous progress?