

Sunday, June 21, 2020

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

85. Preach Good News – Isaiah 61:1-6

Intro: In Isaiah 59:14-63:6 we are presented with the Coming Conqueror, Christ! These chapters are summed up as, “The Lord looked, saw, was appalled, put on righteousness, salvation, and vengeance.” The Lord’s people, world-wide, are threatened, oppressed, and harassed by opponents and defeated by sin, so He sets Himself to the task of their salvation and vengeance upon their enemies. In chapter 61 we see that it is Christ who is appointed for this work of salvation and judgment.

I. The Promise of a Transformed People – vs. 1-3

A. Christ – the Anointed One (vs. 1)

1. Spirit and Word – proclamation of favor and vengeance
2. Speaking of Himself and His God appointed ministry
 - a. This is the text Jesus chose at the starting point of His public ministry – Luke 4:16-22
 - b. First and Second Coming
 - 1) He stopped at favor, not mentioning vengeance – John 3:17
 - 2) There would be a day for judgment – John 5:22-29

B. The Sovereign Lord – Adonai Yahweh (vs. 1)

1. These works are the works of God
2. Christ is anointed (to spread a liquid in order to consecrate) to accomplish this work

C. Personal Renewal and Restoration (vs. 2-3)

1. To preach the gospel to the poor – downtrodden, disadvantaged, held back by circumstances or station in life – Rom. 3:23; Isa. 53:6; Matt. 5:3
2. To heal the brokenhearted – bind up, bandage the hurting, those in need of emotional healing (soul help)
3. To proclaim liberty to the captives and opening of the prison to the bound – tied to Jubilee (Lev. 25)
 - a. Indebted
 - b. Enslaved
4. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord
 - a. A year of favor – preparing for the coming Servant – Isa. 49:8; 60:7, 10
 - b. A day of wrath
5. To comfort mourners – Isa. 57:18 – removing every cause of sorrow (sin)
6. To console those who mourn in Zion (to grant, assign, or appoint)
 - a. A crown of beauty for ashes – to replace the hurt with a healing remedy, exactly matched
 - b. The oil of joy for mourning – fresh life
 - c. The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness – responsive praise replacing depression (dull, listless, low spirits)
 - d. Total coverage, total renewal – we are made a new creation – 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15
7. They will be called trees of righteousness
 - a. New name
 - b. New status
 - c. Accomplished by the Lord for the display of His splendor – Psalm 1:1-3

II. The Confirmation of the Transformation – vs. 4-6

A. Restoration (vs. 4)

1. They will rebuild and raise up – new people, new possession
2. Entrance into the Kingdom of God
 - a. The land of spiritual inheritance in which every breakdown of the past is mended no matter how far back

- b. The inherited brokenness of ruined, long devastated, passing generations will be restored – Acts 3:18-21
- B. Strangers and Servants (vs. 5-6)
 - 1. Glad cooperation
 - 2. This is not a slave state or subservience, former aliens take their place in the life of the people of God – Lev. 19:33-34; Isa. 56:6-8; Matt. 25:34-36; Eph. 2:11-13, 19
 - 3. Priests in service to God – Exodus 19:6; Isa. 66:21; 1 Peter 2:4-5

Cross References:

Luke 4:16-22

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

John 3:17

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 5:22-29

22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. 24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. 25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Matthew 5:3

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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 57:18

I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, And restore comforts to him And to his mourners.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Galatians 6:15

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

Acts 3:18-21

But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Leviticus 19:33-34

‘And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. 34 The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Isaiah 56:6-8

“Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, And to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant— 7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” 8 The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, “Yet I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him.”

Matthew 25:34-36

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

Ephesians 2:11-13, 19

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Exodus 19:6

And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Isaiah 66:21

And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites,” says the Lord.

1 Peter 2:4-5

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.