

ISAIAH

The Holy One of Israel

Comfort for God's Exiles: "The Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed"

Compassion for the Barren

Isaiah 54

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, God of everlasting love and enduring compassion, we come this morning because we are barren, desolate, afflicted, storm-tossed and longing for comfort. We confess, Lord, our pride and self sufficiency is our sin. We so foolishly assume our own competence, strength, skill and ability. Lord, grant your grace this morning that we might know and trust your everlasting love and compassion for us. Cause your Spirit to convince us of the comfort and peace that only you can bring to our weary hearts and lives. Thank you, Lord, for the promises we have in your Word and how they so perfectly water our souls and replenish us to face the days ahead with confidence and hope. Would you do this for us this morning in the name and authority of Jesus Christ our Lord and the Suffering Servant who was pierced for our transgressions; crushed for our iniquities and brought us peace. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Joyful Hope for the Disgraced Woman (vv. 1-10)
 - A. Sing (v. 1)
 - B. Enlarge (vv. 2-3)
 - C. Fear Not (vv. 4-8)
2. Secure Hope for the Ravaged City (vv. 11-17)
 - A. Behold, I will Establish (vv. 11-15)
 - B. Behold, I have created (vv. 16-17)

Central Textual Truth

Isaiah wanted God's people to hope in God's everlasting compassion for them.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to hope in the everlasting compassion offered in Jesus Christ.