

ISAIAH

The Holy One of Israel

How to Prepare for the Coming Glory: “Hold Fast My Covenant”

The True People of God Redefined

Isaiah 56:1-8

PASTOR’S PRAYER

Almighty God, you are our salvation, our deliverance, our righteousness, our justice. We confess this morning, Lord, our emptiness. We are parched, depleted, hollow and weary. We come this morning confessing like the eunuch of our text, “Behold, I am a dry tree”. As we live our lives day to day in this perverse world we also confess our hearts often wander as aliens, strangers and foreigners in these days. We seldom long enough for our heavenly home and we all too often feel the desire to be at home in this world around us. Lord, we like the foreigner of our text, often ask in our hearts, “will the LORD surely separate us from his people?” Lord, thank you for the blessing of gathering each us this morning on this LORD’s day, your Sabbath. Thank you for gathering all of us, outcasts every one, that we might hear your, “thus says the LORD” and that we might hold fast to the covenant you made with us in Christ. Lord, stir our hearts this morning by your Spirit that we may wait with great hope and joy for that day when you will gather us from every tribe, and people and language and nation to know your salvation and see your righteousness revealed. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Work with our Waiting (vv. 1-2)
2. Hope in our Waiting (vv. 3-8)

Central Textual Truth

Isaiah wanted God’s people to actively wait for His salvation to come & righteousness to be revealed .

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to actively wait for Christ to return in Righteousness.