

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

VI. Isaiah’s Divine *Prophecies* of Consolation for **Israel** (40:1-48:22)

- A. The *Pronouncement* of **Judah’s** time of Comfort (40:1-11)
- B. The *Proclamation* of the Greatness of God (40:12-31)
- C. The *Prophetic Power* of God (41:1-29)
- D. The *Presentation* of **God’s Servant**—**Messiah** (42:1-8)

E. The *Proclamation* of “**New Things**” (42:9-25)

1. A *Declaration* of Praise to **God** (42:9-12)

⁹“Behold, the *former things* have come to pass,
Now I declare new things;
Before they *spring forth* I **proclaim them** to you.”

¹⁰ **Sing to the LORD** a new song,
Sing His praise from the end of the earth!

You who go down to **the sea**, and all that is in it.
You **islands**, and those who dwell on them.

¹¹ Let the **wilderness** and its **cities** lift up *their voices*,
the **settlements** where **Kedar** inhabits.

Let the inhabitants of **Sela** *sing aloud*,
Let them **shout for joy** from the **tops** of the **mountains**.

¹² Let them **give glory to the LORD**
and declare **His praise** in the **coastlands**.

2. A *Deliverance* Described (42:13-17)

¹³ **The LORD** will go forth like *a warrior*,
He will arouse His zeal like *a man of war*.

He will utter a shout, yes, **He will raise a war cry**.
He will prevail against **His enemies**.

¹⁴“I have **kept silent** for a **long time**,
I have **kept still** and *restrained Myself*.”

Now like a woman in labor I will *groan*,
I will both *gasp* and *pant*.

¹⁵“I will lay *waste* the mountains and hills
and *wither* all their vegetation;
I will make the rivers into coastlands and *dry up* the ponds.

¹⁶“I will lead the blind by a way they do not know,
in paths they do not know I will *guide them*.

I will make darkness into light before them
and rugged places into plains.

These are the things I will do, and I will not leave them undone.”

¹⁷They will be *turned back* and be utterly put *to shame*,
who trust in idols, who say to molten images,
“*You are our gods.*”

3. A Denunciation of Israel’s Present Spiritual Condition (42:18-25)

¹⁸Hear, you deaf! And look, you blind, that you *may see*.

¹⁹Who is blind but *My servant*,
or so deaf as *My messenger* whom I send?

Who is so blind as he that is at *peace with Me*,
or so blind as the *servant of the LORD*?

²⁰You have *seen* many things, but you do not observe them;
Your ears are *open*, but none hears.

²¹The LORD was pleased for His righteousness’ sake
to make the law *great* and *glorious*.

²²But this is a people *plundered* and *despoiled*;
all of them are trapped in *caves*,
or are hidden away in *prisons*;

They have become a *prey* with *none* to deliver *them*,
and a *spoil*, with *none* to say, “*Give them back!*”

²³Who among you will *give ear* to this?
Who will *give heed* and *listen* hereafter?

²⁴Who gave Jacob up for *spoil*, and Israel to *plunderers*?
Was it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned,
and in whose ways they were *not willing* to *walk*,
and whose law they did not obey?

²⁵ So He poured out on him the *heat* of His anger and the **fierceness of battle**; and it set him *aflame* all around,

Yet he did **not** recognize *it*; and it **burned him**, but he paid **no** attention.

Personal Application Our Ministry to a World that is *Spiritually* **Blind** and **Deaf**

A. The *Condition* of the World—In *Spiritual* **Darkness** and **Blindness**

This is the **judgment**, that the **Light** has come **into the world**, and men **loved** the **darkness** *rather* than the **Light**, for their **deeds** were **evil**...

I (Messiah) have come as **Light** into the world, so that everyone who **believes in Me** will **not remain** in **darkness**.
(John 3:19, 12:46)

And even if our **gospel is veiled**, it is **veiled** to those who are **perishing**, in whose case the **god of this world** has **blinded** the **minds** of the **unbelieving** so that they might **not see** the **light** of the **gospel** of the **glory of Messiah**, who is the **image of God**. (II Corinthians 4:3-4)

For **He (Jesus)** rescued us from the **domain of darkness**, and **transferred us** to the **kingdom of His beloved Son**,
(Colossians 1:13)

B. The *Cure* for *Spiritual* **Darkness** and **Blindness**→

→ *Spiritual Light*—

1. The *Light* of **God's Word**

Your **word** is a **lamp** to my feet and a **light** to my path...

The **unfolding** of Your **words** gives **light**;
It gives ***understanding*** to the **simple**. (Psalm 119:105, 130)

So we have the **prophetic word** *made more sure*, to which you do well to pay **attention** as to a **lamp shining** in a **dark place**,... (II Peter 1:19)

2. The *Light* of the **Messiah**—the “**Living Word**”

Then **Jesus** again spoke to them (**His disciples**), saying,
“**I am the Light of the world**; he who **follows Me** will **not walk** in the **darkness**,
but will have the **Light of life**.” (John 8:12)

And even if **our gospel** is **veiled**, it is **veiled** to those who are **perishing**,
in whose case the **god of this world** has **blinded** the **minds** of the **unbelieving**
so that they might **not see** the **light** of the **gospel** of the **glory of Messiah**,
who is the **image of God**...

For **God**, who said, “**Light shall *shine out* of darkness**,”
is the **One** who has **shone in our hearts**
to give the **Light** of the **knowledge** of the **glory of God**
in the **face of Messiah**. (II Corinthians 4:3-4, 6)

3. The **Light** of the **People of God**

“**You are the light of the world**... Let your **light shine** before **men**
in such a way that they may **see** your **good works**,
and **glorify your Father** who is **in heaven**. (Matthew 5:14a, 16)

...for you were **formerly darkness**, but **now** you are **Light in the Lord**;
walk as **children of Light** (for the **fruit** of the **Light** *consists* in all **goodness**
and **righteousness** and **truth**), (Ephesians 5:8-9)

→ **Spiritual Birth**—

Jesus answered and said to **him**, “Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless one is **born again** he **cannot see** the **kingdom of God**...”

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless one is **born of water** and the **Spirit**
he **cannot enter** into the **kingdom of God**. (John 3:3, 5)

Now **we have received**, **not** the **spirit** of the **world**,
but the **Spirit** who is **from God**, so that we may **know**
the things freely **given** to us **by God**,..

But a **natural man** does **not accept** the things of the **Spirit of God**,
for they are **foolishness** to him; and he **cannot understand** them,
because they are **spiritually appraised**. (I Corinthians 2:12, 14)

C. The **Calling** of **Believers**—**Turning** others from **Darkness** to **Light**

And when we had all **fallen** to the **ground**,
I heard **a voice** saying to me in the Hebrew dialect,
‘**Saul, Saul**, why are you **persecuting Me**..?’

And I said, ‘**Who are You, Lord?**’
And **the Lord** said, ‘**I am Jesus** whom you are **persecuting**.’

But **get up** and stand on your feet; for **this purpose** I have **appeared** to you,
to **appoint you** a minister and a witness...

...**rescuing you** from the **Jewish people** and from the **Gentiles**,
to whom I am **sending you**, to **open their eyes** so that they may **turn**
from **darkness** to **light** and from the **dominion of Satan** to **God**,
that they may receive **forgiveness of sins** and an **inheritance**
among those who have been **sanctified by faith in Me.**' (Acts 26:14-18)