

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

VII. Isaiah’s *Discourse* on the Servant of God, the Messiah (49:1-57:21)

A. The *Calling* of God’s Servant (49:1-12)

B. The *Consolation* of Zion (49:13-26)

1. A *Resounding Praise* (49:13)

¹³ **Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth!
Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains!**

For the LORD has *comforted* His people
and will have *compassion* on His afflicted.

2. A *Rueful Response* (49:14)

¹⁴ But Zion said, “The LORD has *forsaken me*,
the Lord has *forgotten me*.”

3. A *Reassuring Love* (49:15-16)

¹⁵ “Can a *woman* forget her nursing *child*
and have **no compassion** on the *son* of her womb?
Even these may forget, but I will not forget you!

¹⁶ Behold, I have **inscribed you** on the **palms of my hands**;
your **walls** are continually **before me**.

4. A *Restoration of Zion* Promised (49:17-21)

- a. *Her children* regathered, and **destroyers departed** (49:17-18)
- b. *Her desolate land* to be overpopulated (49:19)
- c. *Her barren* and **exiled condition reversed** (49:20-21)

¹⁷ “Your *builders* hurry;
your **destroyers** and **devastators** will depart from you.

¹⁸ “Lift up your **eyes** and **look around**;

all of them **gather together**, they **come to you**.

As I live,” declares the LORD,
“You will surely **put on** all of them as **jewels** and **bind them** on as a **bride**.

¹⁹“For your **waste** and **desolate places** and your **destroyed land**—
Surely now you will be **too cramped** for the inhabitants,
and **those** who **swallowed you** will be **far away**.

²⁰“The **children** of whom you were **bereaved** will yet say in your ears,
‘The place is **too cramped** for me;
make room for me that I may **live here**.’

²¹“Then you **will say** in your **heart**, ‘**Who** has **begotten these** for me,
since I have been **bereaved** of my children
and am **barren**, an **exile** and a **wanderer**?’

And **who** has **reared these**?
Behold, I was **left alone**; from **where** did **these** come?”

5. A **Reverence** from the **Nations** (49:22-23)

²² Thus says the Lord God,

“Behold, I will lift up **My hand** to the **nations**
and set up **My standard** to the **peoples**;

and they will **bring your sons** in *their bosom*,
and **your daughters** will be carried on *their shoulders*.

²³ “**Kings** will be **your guardians**, and their **princesses** **your nurses**.

They will **bow down** to you with their **faces** to the **earth**
and **lick the dust** of your **feet**;
and **you will know** that **I am the LORD**;
those who hopefully **wait for Me** will **not** be **put to shame**.

6. A **Ravaging** of Israel’s **Oppressors** (49:24-26)

²⁴ “Can the **prey** be **taken** from the **mighty man**,
or the **captives** of a **tyrant** be **rescued**?”

²⁵ Surely, thus says the LORD,

“Even the **captives** of the **mighty man** will be **taken away**,
and the **prey** of the **tyrant** will be **rescued**;
for **I will contend** with the **one** who **contends** with you,
and I will **save your sons**.

²⁶ “I will **feed your oppressors** with their ***own flesh***,
and they will become **drunk** with their ***own blood*** as with sweet wine;

and **all flesh** will know that I, the LORD, am your **Savior**
and your **Redeemer**, the **Mighty One of Jacob**.”

Personal Application

Like Israel, do you sometimes feel *Forsaken* and *Forgotten*?

But Zion said, “The LORD has *forsaken me*,
the Lord has *forgotten me*.” (49:14)

Like Israel, we are His Children, His Sons,
and He *Assures Us* of His Great Love

For my father and my mother have *forsaken me*,
But the LORD will take me up. (Psalm 27:10)

He (Messiah) came to His own (the Jews),
and those who were His own did *not* receive Him.

But as many as received Him, to *them* He gave the *right* to become
children of God, even to those who believe in His name, (John 1:11-12)

For you are all sons of God through *faith* in Messiah Jesus. (Galatians 3:26)

See how **great a love** the Father has bestowed on us,
that we would be called children of God; and *such we are*.

For this reason the world does *not* know us, because it did *not* know Him.
(I John 3:1)

But God, being rich in *mercy*,
because of His **great love** with which He loved us,

even when we were *dead* in our **transgressions**,
made us **alive together with Messiah**
(by **grace** you have been **saved**), (Ephesians 2:4-5)

and you have forgotten the **exhortation** which is addressed to you as sons,

“MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE *DISCIPLINE* OF THE LORD,
NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;
FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES,
AND HE *SCOURGES EVERY SON* WHOM HE RECEIVES.”

It is for *discipline* that you endure;
God deals with you as with sons;

for what son is there whom *his father* does *not discipline*..?

All discipline for the moment seems *not* to be joyful, but sorrowful;
yet to those who have been *trained by it*,
afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.
(Hebrews 12:5-7, 11)

Who will separate us from the love of Messiah?
Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...

But in **all these things** we overwhelmingly *conquer through Him* who loved us.

For I am **convinced** that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing,
will be able to *separate us* from the love of God,
which is *in Messiah Jesus our Lord*. (Romans 8:35-39)

For this reason I (Paul) bow my knees before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

so that Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith;
and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

may be able to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

and to know the love of Messiah which surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.
(Ephesians 3:14-19)

Closing Comments