

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)
- C. The *Conditioning* of God’s Servant (50:1-11)

D. The *Comforting* of the Righteous Remnant (Pt. 1) (51:1-11)

1. *Prompting* them to **Recall** their Divine Origins (51:1-2)

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue *righteousness*, who *seek the LORD*:
Look to the rock from which *you* were hewn
and to the quarry from which *you* were dug.

²“Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who gave *birth* to you
in pain; when *he* was but one I called him,
then I *blessed* him and *multiplied* him.”

2. *Predicting* Zion’s Future Comfort and Joyful Restoration (51:3)

³Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her *waste places*.
and her *wilderness* He will make like Eden,
and her *desert* like the garden of the LORD;
Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and sound of a melody.

3. *Proclaiming* the Future Coming of His Laws of Justice, His Righteousness, and His Salvation (51:4-8)

⁴“Pay attention to Me, O My people, and give ear to Me, O My nation;
for a law will *go forth* from Me,
and I will set My justice for a *light* of the peoples.

⁵“My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth,
and My arms will *judge* the peoples;
the coastlands will wait for Me, and for My arm they will wait expectantly.

⁶“Lift up your eyes to the sky, then look to the earth beneath;
for the sky will *vanish* like smoke, and the earth will *wear out* like a garment
and its inhabitants will *die* in like manner;

But **My salvation** will be *forever*, and **My righteousness** will not wane.

⁷“**Listen to Me**, you who know *righteousness*, a people in whose **heart is My law**; do not **fear** the *reproach* of man, nor be **dismayed** at their *revilings*.”

⁸“For the **moth** will eat them like a **garment**, and the **grub** will eat them like wool.
But **My righteousness** will be *forever*,
and **My salvation** to *all generations*.”

4. *Praying* for the Lord to *Manifest His Strong “Arm”* (51:9-10)

⁹ **Awake, awake**, put on **strength**, **O arm of the LORD**;
awake as in the *days of old*, the generations of **long ago**.

Was it not **You** who *cut* **Rahab** in **pieces**, who *pierced* the **dragon**?

¹⁰ Was it not **You** who *dried up* the **sea**, the *waters* of the **great deep**;
Who made the **depths** of the **sea** a **pathway**
for the **redeemed** to **cross over**?

5. *Portraying* their **Triumphant** and **Joyful Return** to **Zion** (51:11)

¹¹ So the **ransomed** of the LORD will *return*
and come with *joyful shouting* to **Zion**,
and **everlasting joy** will be on their heads.

They will obtain **gladness and joy**,
and **sorrow** and **sighing** will flee away.

Personal Application

A. Tonight *we read* that the **Lord** exhorted the **righteous remnant** of **Israel (Zion)** to “**look to**” their **humble origins** (**Abraham** and **Sarah**), and consider how **He** had **blessed** and **multiplied them** (51:1-2).

As **believers**, *we too* should “**look back**” and **reflect** on the **multitude** of **spiritual blessings** that we have that have their **origins** also from **Abraham**, for *though him* came the **Messiah**, the **promised “seed”** that would bless all nations (Gen. 12:3)

For **you** are **all sons of God** through **faith** in **Messiah Jesus**...
And if you **belong to Messiah**, then **you** are
Abraham’s descendants, **heirs** according to **promise**. (Galatians 3:25, 29)

Blessed be the **God and Father** of our **Lord Jesus the Messiah**,
who has **blessed us** with **every spiritual blessing**
in the **heavenly places** in **Messiah**, (Ephesians 1:3)

B. The **Lord** predicted that in the **future Zion** would be **comforted**,

even in places that are now **destroyed** and **desolate**. **Zion's wilderness** would be like "**Eden**," and that she would be **characterized** by **joyfulness** and the sound of **music** (51:3).

As **believers**, *we too* are promised **future comfort, joy**, and be in a place **characterized** by **thanksgiving**, and the **singing** of **songs**.

When **Jesus** saw the **crowds**, **He** went up on the **mountain**;
He opened **His** mouth and *began* to **teach** them, saying,

"**Blessed** are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.
"**Blessed** are those who **mourn**, for they shall be **comforted**. (Matthew 5:1-4)

Therefore you too have **grief now**; but **I (Jesus)** will **see you again**,
and your **heart** will **rejoice**, and no one
will take your **joy** away from you. (John 16:22)

And they ***sang** the **song of Moses**, the **bond-servant of God**,
and the **song** of the **Lamb**, saying,

"**Great** and **marvelous** are **Your works**, **O Lord God**, the **Almighty**;
Righteous and **true** are **Your ways**,
King of the nations! (Revelation 15:3)

C. The **Lord** proclaimed to **Zion** that "**a law would go forth**" from **Him**,
and that **His justice** would be a "**light**" of the **peoples**. **He** also
declared that **He** would establish **His Righteousness**, and **send forth**
His Salvation (51:4-5, 6b, 8b).

As **believers**, *we have* received the "**good news**" of **God's salvation**
and **righteousness** through our **faith** in **Jesus the Messiah**. *We have*
also been given the **law** and "**light**" of the **New Covenant**, and we
seek to **walk** according to it (Romans 1:16-17, 8:2) (Hebrews 9:15).

However, like **we read** tonight, we **anticipate** that the **righteous**
remnant of Israel will receive **God's righteousness** and **salvation**
when the **Lord returns** to establish **His kingdom of righteousness**.

"Behold, *the days are coming*," declares **the LORD**,
"When I will **raise up** for **David** a **righteous Branch**; and **He** will **reign** as **king**
and **act wisely** and do **justice** and **righteousness** in the **land**.
In **His days** **Judah** will be **saved**, and **Israel** will live **securely**;
And this is **His name** by which **He** will be **called**,
'The **LORD Our Righteousness**.' (Jeremiah 23:5-6a)

...for the **kingdom of God** is **not** eating and drinking,
but **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the **Holy Spirit**. (Romans 14:17)

D. Tonight a **prayer** was heard beseeching the “**arm of the Lord**” to “**awaken,**” and **put on strength**. The **plea** was for the **Lord to manifest the same redemptive power** done in **Israel’s past**, in order to bring about a **future redemption** for **Zion** (51:9-10).

Many of us believe that term the “**Arm of the Lord**” refers to **Jesus the Messiah**; both in **His first coming** (53:1), and in **His powerful second coming** (52:9-10) s

The **LORD** has **bared His holy arm** in the **sight** of all the **nations**,
so that all the **ends** of the **earth** may **see**
the **salvation** of **our God**. (Isaiah 52:10)

“But immediately after the **tribulation** of **those days**
THE **SUN** WILL BE **DARKENED**, AND THE **MOON** WILL **NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT**,
AND THE **STARS** WILL **FALL** from the sky,
and the **powers** of the **heavens** will be **shaken**.

And then the **sign** of the **Son of Man** will appear in the **sky**,
and then **all the tribes** of the **earth** will **mourn**,
and they will **see** the **SON OF MAN COMING** ON THE **CLOUDS OF THE SKY**
with **power** and **great glory**. (Matthew 24:29-30)

E. Tonight *we read* that the **ransomed** of the **Lord** will **return** (to the **land**), and “**everlasting joy** *will be* on their **heads**.” We also saw that “**sorrow and sighing**” will **flee away** (51:11).

As **believers**, *we too* can relate to these **promises** given to **Zion**.
We too will experience in the future “**great joy**,” and that our **sorrow** and **pain** will be **removed** eternally from us.

Now **to Him** who is **able** to **protect you** from **stumbling**,
and to make **you stand** in the **presence** of **His glory**,
blameless with **great joy**,
to the **only God our Savior**,..
be **glory, majesty, dominion, and authority**,...(Jude 24)

and **He (the Lord)** will **wipe away** every **tear** from their eyes;
and there will **no longer** be **any death**; there will **no longer** be **any mourning**,
or **crying**, or **pain**; the **first things** have **passed away**.”(Revelation 21:4)

