

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)
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- 1. *Prompting* them to **Recall** their **Divine Origins** (51:1-2)
- 2. *Predicting* Zion’s **Future Comfort** and **Joyful Restoration** (51:3)
- 3. *Proclaiming* the **Future Coming** of His **Laws of Justice**, His **Righteousness**, and His **Salvation** (51:4-8)
- 4. *Praying* for the **Lord** to **Manifest His Strong “Arm”** (51:9-10)
- 5. *Portraying* their **Triumphant** and **Joyful Return** to **Zion** (51:11)

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6. *Prevailing* upon them *not* to Fear **Mortal Man** (51:12-13)

¹² “**I, even I, am He** who comforts you.

Who are you that you are afraid of man who *dies*
and of the **son of man** who is made like *grass*,

¹³ that you have *forgotten* the **LORD your Maker**,
Who **stretched out** the heavens
and **laid** the **foundations** of the earth,

that you fear **continually** all day long because of the **fury** of the **oppressor**,
as he makes ready to **destroy**?
But *where* is the **fury** of the **oppressor**?

7. *Promising Deliverance* for the **Suffering Exiles** (51:14-16)

¹⁴ The **exile** will soon be set free, and will **not die** in the *dungeon*,
nor will his bread be **lacking**.

¹⁵ For I am the **LORD your God**, who **stirs up** the **sea** and its **waves roar**
(the **LORD of hosts** is **His name**).

¹⁶ I have **put My words** in your mouth
and have **covered you** with the **shadow** of **My hand**,
to establish the **heavens**, to found the **earth**,
and to say to **Zion**, ‘You are **My people**.’”

8. **Professing** that **they** were made to **drink fully** from the
Cup of God’s Wrath (51:17-20)

¹⁷ **Rouse yourself! Rouse yourself! Arise, O Jerusalem,**
you who have **drunk** from the **LORD’s hand** the **cup of His anger**;
the **chalice of reeling** you have **drained** to the **dregs**.

¹⁸ There is **none** to **guide her** among **all the sons** she has *borne*,
nor is there one to **take her** by the **hand** among all the **sons** she has *reared*.

¹⁹ These **two things** have **befallen you**;
Who will **mourn** for you?
The **devastation** and **destruction**, **famine** and **sword**;
How shall I **comfort you**?

²⁰ Your **sons** have **fainted**,
they **lie helpless** at the **head** of every **street**,
like an **antelope** in a **net**,
full of the **wrath** of the **LORD**, the **rebuke** of your **God**.

9. **Pronouncing** the **Passing** of the **Cup of God’s Wrath** to
Zion’s Tormentors (51:21-23)

²¹ Therefore, please **hear this**, you **afflicted**,
who are **drunk**, but **not with wine**:

²² Thus says **your Lord**, the **LORD**, even **your God**
who **contends** for **His people**,

“Behold, I have **taken out** of **your hand** the **cup of reeling**,
the **chalice** of **My anger**; you will **never drink it again**.

²³ “I will **put it** into the **hand** of your **tormentors**,
who have said to you, ‘**Lie down** that we may **walk over you**.’

You have even made **your back** like the **ground**
and like the **street** for **those** who **walk over it**.”

Personal Application
Quieting our Fears of Man,
by **Walking in Faith, Fear, and Love** towards **God**

“**Who** are you that you are **afraid of man** who **dies**
and of the **son of man** who is made like **grass**, (51:11b)”

A. By **Recognizing** the **Folly** of the **Fear of Man**.

The **fear of man** brings a **snare**,
But he who **trusts** in the **LORD** will be **exalted**. (Proverbs 29:25)

Then **Saul** said to **Samuel**, “I have **sinned**;
I have indeed **transgressed** the **command** of the **LORD** and **your words**,
because I **feared** the **people** and **listened** to their **voice**. (I Samuel 15:24)

It is **better** to take **refuge** in the **LORD** than to **trust** in **man**.
It is **better** to take **refuge** in the **LORD** than to **trust** in **princes**.
(Psalm 118:8-9)

Do not fear those who **kill the body** but are **unable** to **kill the soul**; but rather
fear Him who is **able** to **destroy both soul** and **body** in **hell**. (Matthew 10:28)

B. By **Responding** to **Fear** with **Faith** and **Courage**.

Be **strong** and **courageous**, do **not** be **afraid** or **tremble** at them,
for the **LORD your God** is the one who **goes with you**.
He will not fail you or **forsake you**.” (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Have I not **commanded** you? Be **strong** and **courageous**!
Do **not tremble** or **be dismayed**, for the **LORD your God**
is **with you** wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

The LORD is my **light** and my **salvation**;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the **defense** of my **life**;
Whom shall I dread..?

Though a **host** encamp **against me**, my heart will **not fear**;
though **war** arise **against me**, in *spite of* this
I shall **be confident**.(Psalm 27:1, 3)

When they had brought them (the **apostles**),
they **stood them** before the **Council**.

The **high priest** questioned them, saying,
“We gave you **strict orders not** to continue **teaching** in **this name**,
and yet, you have **filled Jerusalem** with your **teaching**
and intend to bring this **man’s blood upon us**.”

But **Peter** and the **apostles** answered,
“We must **obey God rather** than **men**. (Acts 5:27-29)

Who is there to harm you if you **prove zealous** for what is **good**?

But even if you should **suffer** for the sake of **righteousness**, you are **blessed**.
AND DO **NOT FEAR** THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO **NOT BE TROUBLED**,

but **sanctify** Messiah as Lord in your hearts, always *being ready*
to make a **defense** to everyone who **asks you**
to give an **account** for the **hope** that is in you,
yet with **gentleness** and **reverence**; (I Peter 3:13-15)

C. By ***Relying upon*** the **Presence** and **Power** of God to ***sustain***
us in **times of Fear**.

'Do not fear, for I am ***with you***;
do not **anxiously** look about you, for I am ***your God***.

I will **strengthen you**, surely I will **help you**,
Surely I will **uphold you** with My **righteous right hand**.' (Isaiah 41:10)

At my **first defense** *no one supported me* (Paul), but all **deserted me**;
may it **not** be counted against them.

But the Lord **stood with me** and **strengthened me**,
so that **through me** the **proclamation** might be **fully accomplished**,
and that all the **Gentiles** might hear;
and I was **rescued** out of the **lion's mouth**. (II Timothy 4:16-17)

D. By ***Resting*** in the **Promise of His Peace** in **times of Fear**.

You will keep *him* in **perfect peace**,
Whose mind is stayed on You,
Because he **trusts in You**. (Isaiah 26:3)

Be **anxious for nothing**, but in **everything** by **prayer** and **supplication**
with **thanksgiving** let your **requests** be made **known to God**.

And the **peace** of God, which **surpasses all comprehension**,
will **guard your hearts** and **your minds** in **Messiah Jesus**. (Philippians 4:6-7)

E. By ***Reassuring*** ourselves of God's **Eternal Love** for Us.

We have come to **know** and have **believed** the **love** which **God has for us**.
God is love, and the one who **abides in love** **abides in God**,
and **God abides in him**....

There is **no fear** in **love**; but **perfect love casts out fear**,
because **fear** involves **punishment**,
and the **one** who **fears** is **not perfected in love**. (I John 4:16, 18)

For **God** has **not given us a spirit of fear**,
but of **power** and of **love** and of a **sound mind**. (II Timothy 1:7)

Closing Comments