

Sermon Notes – June 19, 2022

Review

- Isaiah was a spokesman for God about 2,750 years ago, around the year 740 B.C. He served during a time of great change and political upheaval when the nation was overseen by four very different kings. Things were not going well, and it was about to get worse.
- Into this dark time, God spoke through His prophet Isaiah about seasons of judgment, His ultimate plan for a Redeemer to come, and His intention to fully and finally heal all that is broken in this sinful world, now groaning in lostness and rebellion.
- Last week we saw that God’s plan for future redemption affects us now. God wants to give us hope that the sinfulness and brokenness of this world and in our lives is not forever. Israel as a nation will be restored to God and to their land, and one day it will be said, “Your days of mourning [have] ended.”

Today’s text: Isaiah 61:1-64:12

As Isaiah’s prophecy moves toward a conclusion, we find this four-chapter look at God’s heart for His people. In one section involving a plea for mercy, Isaiah cries out to God on behalf of his beloved nation, saying, “You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name” (64:16).

God’s Redemption Is Both A Person AND It Is Practical (61:1-11)

- ⇒ As we have seen, in Luke 4:16-21 Jesus identifies Himself as the one spoken of in Isaiah 61:1-2a. In this sense, God’s redemption is not a _____ or a doctrinal statement. The ultimate expression of God’s redemption is a _____, Messiah Jesus.
- ⇒ At the same time, Isaiah looks ahead once again to a glory-filled _____ for the nation of Israel, a day of prosperity, security, and honor among the nations.
- ⇒ Don’t miss the point: God’s ultimate redemption in Messiah Jesus is not simply a concept; it is full restoration, final healing, and a return to true _____ in the person of Jesus.

Isaiah 61:1-64:12
God, As Our Father, Delights In Redemption, Justice, And Mercy
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God’s Justice Involves His People AND The Nations (62:1-63:6)

- ⇒ God says in 61:6, “I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong.”
- ⇒ God longs to see true righteousness characterize His people – that is, Israel specifically in this context, but all of His people by extension – and God is eager to hear the “_____” crying out to and for Him.

God’s Mercy Is Abundant And Freely Given! (63:7-64:12)

- ⇒ Do you hear the passion and the _____ in this section? Do you see the kindness of God in contrast to the willful rebellion of His people? There is no need to “sugar-coat” our failures, our sin, and our shame!
- ⇒ God’s mercy is only valued by those who _____! Those who think they’re a “cut above” or “smarter than the average bear” or somehow deserving of God’s mercy will never truly value the Savior!
- ⇒ Please hear and savor key sections of this text!
 - 63:7 (“What is God like?”)
 - 63:16 (God’s name is “Redeemer”!)
 - 64:5-6 (Admit the truth: Left to ourselves, no one would be saved)
 - 64:8 (Even in our sinfulness, we cast ourselves on His great mercy)

Responding to God’s Word in Worship & Obedience

- ⇒ From this place in history, we see more than Isaiah did about Jesus, our Savior and Messiah! Jesus **has** come! Are you trusting Christ as your Savior and Redeemer?
- ⇒ Your need for Christ does not diminish with the passage of time. You need Christ every day you live. Count on His strength. Cry out for His mercy and help. Rejoice in His daily grace! Author Jerry Bridges used to say, “Preach the gospel to yourself every day.” You never “move on” from your need for Christ.
- ⇒ God loves justice! Do you? Are there areas of injustice in your purview that you could and should address? (If you’re a parent, you already have valuable experience, and dads, you have a special role in this).

Worship Next Sunday: June 26, 2022

“Future Grace And Final Judgment”

(Isaiah 65:1-66:24)

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Answer Key: ▪ program ▪ Person ▪ future ▪ Shalom ▪ watchmen ▪ honesty ▪ know they need it