

Let's Worship God

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Monday - Isaiah 59:9-15 - Confession of Sin

God has a problem with Judah and Jerusalem. The problem is the sin of those who profess to be the people of God. God accuses them of sin in verses 1-8. And what is the response of the people in verses 9 through 15? It is a response that comes when the Spirit of God works. It is a confession of sin! The first thing we see is in verses 9-11; what seems to be a Holy Spirit awakening and conviction. Sinners left to themselves are dead, spiritually speaking. God sometimes wakes up sinners spiritually. That's what happens here. True confession, real repentance, only come about from a new heart, a heart of faith in Christ, which comes by God's grace alone.

Sin promises brightness and light. Sin promises a wonderful way to walk with a glowing goal at the end, but it just goes down into darkness and death. What the people confess here in verses 9-11 is that the way they're going, the folly that they followed, has no deliverance for them. And trying to follow the ways of the nations will bring them no deliverance. They won't be delivered from sin in the way that they have gone and are going.

They now confess sin directly against God in verses 12 and 13. It is never a happy time when we see our sin, become convicted of it, and awake to the fact that we have offended against a holy God -- that's never a happy time, but it's a useful time. They confess sins of action, word, and heart. To their gracious covenant God, they have, for all His kindness, returned lying and treachery. But isn't that the way all sin is? We need a Saviour to deliver us from such guilt and pollution. We need a Saviour, someone to rescue us, to forgive us, and cleanse us from our sin. And that Saviour is Jesus.

We see in verses 14 and 15, sin against man. Earlier in the chapter, God had said to Judah that they're full of injustice, the godly get all kinds of grief and terrible things done to them, and the ungodly just laugh about it; they manage to steal and do terrible things to the godly, and nothing happens to them. Here they confess - that's the way it really is. We have no righteousness in our dealing with our neighbors. God would provide One to bring justice. God would provide One to bring forgiveness. God would provide One Who would save sinners from the sin that they've confessed.

Question

1. What can we learn about confessing sin from these verses?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God has provided a Saviour.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

Praise: Psalm 29- See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Isaiah 59:15-16 - The LORD Saw

So far, we have seen God's accusation and Judah's conviction and confession. What now? God tells us that He sees. He sees what the wicked do. He sees what His saints must endure. Nothing escapes Him. And He forgets nothing. Even as Jesus said in Matthew 25, in the parable of the sheep and the goats, what is done to His brethren is done to Him. This is why Jehovah is displeased. He loves His children by adoption, blood-bought by His only begotten Son. He is not about to stand by idly.

How shall this injustice be attended to? It is sin that brings about injustice, guilt, pollution, and darkness. It is sin that makes men to be such beasts. There is no one on earth who can battle against sin. We are all conceived in it, we all have the guilt of it, and we all transgress by thought, word, and deed. No one can free himself, let alone be a deliverer for the people.

God Himself must provide a Deliverer, a Rescuer, a Saviour, an Intercessor. This He would do, this He has done, as we see so directly and clearly expressed in John 3:16. By His sovereign and powerful grace, He sends His only Son to live in sinners' place, to die in sinners' place, to be raised for sinners' life, and to ascend ever to intercede for us (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25). His righteousness sustained Him, as it constituted Him the great High Priest able to offer the perfect and all-sufficient sacrifice for sin. He persevered for His Father's glory and for the sake of His beloved people. Cry out to Him to save you, and look to Him to deliver, rescue, save, and intercede for you and your brothers and sisters in Him.

Questions

1. What does God see?
2. Whom does God provide to deal with sin?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for our great Saviour.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

Praise: Psalm 30 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Wednesday - Isaiah 59:17-19 - The Lord's Redeemer

In these verses we see Him Who is the Lord's Redeemer, and His work toward that which is the enemy of His people. First we see Him in verse 17, arrayed for battle. The people of God have terrible enemies who are fighting against them. The stronger one and the nastier one is the enemy on the inside. It is their own sin by which they're afflicted. But then there are wicked ones on the outside. They are helpless against either one, especially the sinfulness of their own heart. What are they to do? Who will rescue them? We see Jehovah sending Him Who is the only Redeemer of God's elect. Here He comes to save. Here He comes to defend. Here He comes to redeem His people. To battle their sin, He has this armor that we see here, the breastplate of righteousness and the helmet of salvation. What is righteousness? It is a proper standing before the law of God. We have no righteousness, of ourselves. We have absolutely shattered the law. But the Redeemer comes, and He has a breastplate of righteousness. He, it is, Who kept the law perfectly, in excruciating detail in every point, in every situation, in all of His life. He kept this law in order that He might be the perfect qualified High Priest. He kept this law in order that He might present Himself as the perfect spotless sacrifice for sin. He kept this law in that perfect way, in order that just as Adam's sin was put in our debit, His righteousness might be put on our record for righteousness. That breastplate of righteousness, that helmet of salvation, was placed upon us.

God's people have dangerous enemies in every age. Whoever they are, Christ is clothed to take them on – clothed in vengeance. Christ has a fierce love for every one of His who are in Him bought by His blood. Those who refuse the One Whom God has sent, whether it be individuals, families, societies, nations, whoever they are who hate Christ, hate His Word, and hate His people, and they know that they hate them - they very consciously war against Christ. In the same way that they war against God, His Redeemer, His Word, His people, so shall the Redeemer war against them.

Christ's redemption of His people leads to His glory. They will fear the Lord over all the world, unendingly from east to west. For the remaining ungodly, it is paralyzing terror as they come under His judgment and destruction. But for many, it is that fear of the Lord that is the beginning of wisdom.

Question

1. Why is Christ's righteousness so important?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that our Saviour is a powerful defender of His people.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

Praise: Psalm 31 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Thursday - Isaiah 59:20-21 - The Redeemer Comes to Zion

To these people, sick with their sin, a Redeemer comes. And He brings, as we see in verse 20, remission of sin, and in verse 21, the gift of the Holy Ghost. The separation of the true Israel of God from Him finally shall come to an end. Here we read in verse 20, the Redeemer will come to Zion. You who are mourning for your sin, you who hear God's accusation and weep confessing your sin, and know you are powerless against the power of sin, you who yearn to be delivered and to be right with your God, a Redeemer has come! He came to save you. He does not flee from you in disgust. He came in love, coming in covenant faithfulness to deliver you. This is what is said to these transgressors in Israel, those who seek to turn from their transgression in Jacob. And true to his word, the Redeemer came to Zion even as God said.

All who are found in Jesus Christ have this unbreakable promise that we see here in verse 21. Why? Because of Who Jesus is and because of what He will do. Because He takes care of the covenant. He heads the covenant. He secures the covenant. The redemption is accomplished. The covenant of grace is now fully secured, fully implemented in and through the finished work of Christ. Thus it is that God says here that His Spirit should not, and in our day shall not and does not depart from His people. And this unto generations. This is a teaching that Peter picked up on Pentecost when he said, "For the promise is unto you and to your children, or unto your seed, and to those who are far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

All the promises here have come true. All the promises then, are for anyone who even yet turns to the Redeemer. Are you grieving over sin? Have you seen that there is no way out for you? Do you long to be delivered from something you cannot save yourself from? Do you cry out for a rescuer? He has come. He receives any and all who come to him. Cry out to him, then acknowledge your sin, just like the people did here, as we saw earlier in the chapter. Cry out for forgiveness of sin, cry out for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and you shall receive Him. Or, more to the point, He shall receive you. The promise is true. The Redeemer has come to Zion, and from Zion. Yield yourself to him and find joy and redemption!

Question

1. What does God promise to those who cry out to Him?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for our Redeemer.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

Praise: Psalm 32 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Friday - Isaiah 60:1-2 - Rise and Shine!

Now that the Redeemer has come, light arises, shines forth for the people of God. Think of a beam of light, seen from afar, beaming down through a hole in the dark clouds. What is this light? It is He Who is the Light of the World! It is He who lightens the understanding, Who gives spiritual eyes to look to Him. It is He who brings out of the darkness of death and into the light of life. Even as Lazarus, then, was called forth from the grave, so the Redeemer has come and calls us to rise, and to live for Him and for His glory.

Sadly, since the coming of sin into the world there has been deep darkness. The Hebrew here in verse 2 speaks of being in a dense and forbidding fog, lowering and threatening. Those wandering and groping about in it think that they see well. They claim to have light, even "new" and "progressive" light, to be enlightened, but they proceed onward into deeper and darker ways. By grace we have received the true Light. We must not recede from it; we must hold to it no matter how the world tries to entice or force us. The time shall come when the world sees God's light upon us.

Questions

1. Who is the light of the world?
2. What does the world think is light?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would hold fast to the light of Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Isaiah 60:1

Praise: Psalm 33- See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Saturday - Isaiah 60:3 - Light to the Nations

This verse, along with the previous two, is the introduction to the rest of chapter 60. It gives the theme, we might say. This, of course, is the same Light that we have been talking about. It is Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, and, in Him, the written Word of God (Psalm 119:105). All that is in opposition to Him and to His Word is darkness, no matter how it professes to bring enlightenment.

Even in Old Testament times there had been a few who came to the Light from the darkness. We think of Melchizedek, of Job, of many from Egypt, of Jethro and some from his family, of Rahab, of Ruth, of Naaman. We think of prophecies from here in Isaiah such as 19:23-25. We think of many Psalms that we sing, including 67, 22, and 117. In the New Testament, we see the Wise Men coming from the nations, we see the Canaanite woman, the Greeks who sought out Philip and Andrew that they might see Jesus, the Great Commission, the further commission of Acts 1:8, Saul of Tarsus' call to the Gentiles, and the teaching of Romans 11 of the nations grafted into the people of God. Then we see this coming about in history since, and you who are not of Jewish descent are living fulfillment. Much yet is to come, for we see what's prophesied in Isaiah 11:9 and Habbakuk 2:14. And we pray, as Jesus taught us, that Christ's Kingdom would come and His will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Come therefore to the Light if you have not done so already! Look to Jesus, the Light of the World, and be saved from your sin, curse, and death.

God had Isaiah speak of kings in particular, here and elsewhere, for a reason. Even those of high degree must bow before the King of kings and Lord of lords. Further, though, we must see that these kings are called in their official rôle. It's as kings that they come, not just people who come who also happen to be kings. We remember, too, that the Holy Spirit led Paul to speak of rulers being called to be servants of His for good (Romans 13). We should also remember that there is no possibility of religious neutrality. There is always a state, a government religion. Always there are beliefs on the existence and nature of God, on man's nature, of man's destiny, of ultimate meaning, ultimate authority, all of which are taken on faith. Always there are ethical ideas of right and wrong. Because of this, nations and rulers must submit to Christ as King.

Question

1. What are examples of people that came in from other nations to God's people?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Isaiah 60:1

Praise: Psalm 34 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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