

Sunday School Lesson

June 19, 2022

God's Restored People Shall Prosper

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Isaiah 49:18-23

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Question for Us Today

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**What do you think God has promised
for you?**

Sunday School Lesson Objectives

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- 1. To better understand the Lord's promises for His people.**
- 2. To better understand, as the elders used to say: "Trouble don't last always."**

Sunday School Lesson Segments

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1. Isaiah: Points of Information

2. Isaiah: Words to Remember

3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

Points of Information – Isaiah

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- Isaiah (the son of Amoz, not the Prophet Amos) was a great and Major Prophet, whose ministry spanned around 60 years and at least four kings of Judah. Isaiah's name means "The Lord [Yahweh] is salvation."**
- Isaiah is quoted over 60 times in the New Testament) including by Christ Jesus) and mentioned by name over 20 times.**

Points of Information – Isaiah

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- **When Jesus was handed the Scriptures, during a return to the temple in Nazareth, He was given the Book of Isaiah. Our Savior opened it, read from Isaiah 61:1-2 and proclaimed that He – the Messiah – was the fulfillment of that Scripture. This episode is told in Luke 4:16-21.**
- **The Gospel of Matthew says that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Servant message by quoting Isaiah 42:1-4.**

Points of Information – Isaiah

- The Book of Isaiah is sometimes called the “Bible in Miniature.” This is (partially) because this Book has 66 Chapters and Our Bible has 66 Books.**
- Our Bible has 39 Books in the Old Testament and 27 Books in the New Testament.**
- Isaiah has 39 Chapters regarding the Law, government and judgment of God and 27 Chapters about the grace and salvation of the Lord.**

Points of Information – Isaiah

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- Contemporaries of Isaiah included the Prophets Hosea and Micah as well as Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah and possibly Manasseh (who may have ordered Isaiah's execution).
- Isaiah was married to a prophetess and they had two sons. Isaiah 7:3; 8:3.

Points of Information – Isaiah

- Many sermons have referred to the Call which begins in Isaiah 6:1: "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon the Throne."
- The Lord issued the call: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
- Isaiah responded: "Here am I. Send me!" This has been called the "Temple Vision of Isaiah." Isaiah 6:1-8. NRSV

Points of Information – Isaiah

- Numerous sections of Isaiah foretell the Coming of the Messiah.
- See Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 40:1-5; 42:1-2, 6, 13; 43:1-11; 53:3-12.
- As a result, Isaiah has been called the "Christ-Harbinger," the "Messianic Prophet," the "Evangelical Prophet" or the "Fifth Evangelist."

Isaiah - Words to Remember

1. 2:4 They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
2. 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon the throne.
3. 6:8 I heard the Voice of the Lord saying: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then, said I: "Here I am, send me."
4. 7:14 Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Emmanuel.
5. 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. And, the government shall be upon His shoulder. And, His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah - Words to Remember

6. 11:6 A little child shall lead them.

7. 40:1, 2a, 3-5 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto them that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert, a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain. And, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

8. 40:11 He shall feed His flock like a shepherd.

Isaiah - Words to Remember

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9. 40:31 They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. And, they shall walk and not faint.

10. 41:10 Fear not, I am with Thee. Be not dismayed. For, I am thy God. I will strengthen thee. Yea, I will help thee. Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of righteousness. [In the hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"].

11. 45:23b Unto me, every knee shall bow, every tongue shall [confess].

12. 54:17 No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper.

Isaiah - Words to Remember

13. 55:6 Seek ye the Lord, while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near.

14. 55:8 My thoughts are not your thoughts. Neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord.

15. 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach.

16. 66:1 The heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool.

Isaiah - One More Word Regarding the Suffering Servant

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17. 53:3-6 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief... Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows... But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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Context

In last week's lesson, the Prophet Isaiah told the people how the Lord – through His Servant – will save and redeem the Israelites and the Gentiles.

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In today's lesson, the Lord continues with a detailed message of reassurance and promise.

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Text

Isaiah 49:18-23

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- 1. The Promise of Restoration: Verses 18-20.**
- 2. Questioning Restoration: Verse 21.**
- 3. Confirming Restoration and Prosperity: Verses 22-23.**

Isaiah 49:18 (NLT)

“Look around you and see, for all your children will come back to you. As surely as I live,” says the Lord, “they will be like jewels or bridal ornaments for you to display.

Isaiah 49:19

Even the most desolate parts of your abandoned land will soon be crowded with your people. Your enemies who enslaved you will be far away.

Isaiah 49:20

**The generations born in exile
will return and say, "We need
more room! It's crowded here!"**

Isaiah 49:21

Then you will think to yourself, "Who has given me all these descendants? For most of my children were killed, and the rest were carried away into exile. I was left here all alone. Where did all these people come from? Who bore these children? Who raised them for me?"

Isaiah 49:22

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "See, I will give a signal to the godless nations. They will carry your little sons back to you in their arms; they will bring your daughters on their shoulders.

Isaiah 49:23

Kings and queens will serve you and care for all your needs. They will bow to the earth before you and lick the dust from your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord. Those who trust in me will never be put to shame."

Remember this:

Here is what the Apostle Paul, in a benedictory statement, said to the church in Ephesus:

“Now unto Him [who] is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21 (KJV)

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