

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Isaiah humbled and condemned himself and God cleansed him. What is necessary in the new dispensation for Christ to save and cleanse us?
2. God calls men for service today. What is the call? (cf. Mark 16:15)
3. Do we see visions today?
4. Did Isaiah count the cost? (vs. 11)
5. Should we be satisfied with a return of 10% or whatever the percentage may be? (vs. 13)

SUMMARY:

Israel had become very sinful and God sent messengers to warn them, that perhaps they might repent. Isaiah was one of these prophets who warned the people for a period of 50 years. God still withheld His judgments after Isaiah's death for many more years, always desiring that Israel would repent. The message was a gloomy one but it was all fulfilled.

Before Isaiah could be used, he had to be willing, he had to be of a humble nature and see his need of being cleansed. When he fulfilled these qualifications, God did cleanse him and was able to fill him with power.

We, too, must meet these qualifications so that we can be cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. We, too, may labor faithfully and may not see any real fruits of our labors, just as Isaiah did, but God will bless a faithful witness for Him.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #5

October 30, 2011

Fourth Quarter

ISAIAH'S TRANSFORMING VISION

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 6:1-13

LESSON SETTING: In Judah - where Isaiah saw a vision of the Lord.

TIME: Approximately 810 B.C.

I. GOD APPEARS TO ISAIAH. Isaiah 6:1-4

- A. A Heavenly Vision (vs. 1) Isaiah 33:17; 1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2
- B. A Holy God (vs. 3-4) Exodus 15:11; 1 Samuel 6:20; Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 15:4

II. GOD CLEANSSES ISAIAH. Isaiah 6:5-7

- A. Isaiah Humbles and Condemns Himself (vs. 5) Isaiah 57:15; James 4:10; 1 John 3:20
- B. A Spiritual Refining (vs. 7) Isaiah 48:10; 1 Peter 1:7; 4:12-13
- C. A Spiritual Cleansing (vs. 7) Ephesians 5:25-26; Hebrews 9:14; Titus 3:5; 1 John 1:7

III. GOD COMMISSIONS ISAIAH. Isaiah 6:8-13

- A. God's Call (vs. 8) Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; Acts 26:16; 2 Corinthians 5:20
- B. Readiness to Serve (vs. 8) Isaiah 1:19; 2 Corinthians 8:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:8
- C. The Message - Deaf, Blind, Desolate Captive (vs. 9-10)
- D. A Remnant (vs. 13) Romans 9:27; 11:5

GOLDEN TEXT: *ALSO I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD, SAYING WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US? THEN SAID I, HERE AM I; SEND ME.*
Isaiah 6:8

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Isaiah 40:10-31

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Deuteronomy 3:21-26;
Isaiah 57:15-21;
2 Corinthians 3:10-18

QUARTERLY THEME: Kings and Prophets of Judah

TOPIC: ISAIAH PROCLAIMS GOD'S GREATNESS

INTRODUCTION:

Have you ever observed the ant? It is so industrious and yet so small in comparison to man. When we view this we must believe that surely, in comparison to God, we too are just minute little beings. Even the world is such a small part of His creation and we are so small in this world. God is so mighty and has power to nurture us if we are obedient to Him and can destroy us if we withstand Him. Just as we might step on an ant to destroy it, so likewise He can destroy us.

Nothing can compare with Him. It is He that controls the earth. It is He who lifts up or casts down. To whom then will we liken Him?

He is a God who is inexhaustible. He never sleeps. He never fails in His power or His love to those who wait upon Him. Not one of our pleas will go unheard. Not one of our needs will He fail to meet. What a joy to know He gives us strength.

Yet men today will oppose God and deny His Word and will be gods to themselves. If only they would humble themselves and see their right relationship to this great God.

CENTRAL TRUTH: It is marvelous that our great God is able to impart His strength to man.

GOLDEN TEXT: *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.*
Isaiah 40:31

In the 40th chapter of the book of Isaiah, he gives an account to the people of the greatness of God. He concluded this discourse with a description of the limitless grace, mercy and strength of our God. We cannot fully comprehend one who never sleeps, who is available to us whenever we have need of Him. God hears every whispered prayer and even knows the desire of the heart when burdens are so heavy that words fail. How truly the words describe our condition when we "wait on the Lord our strength is renewed." We come to know from experience that He will hear and answer. Instead of being in the depths of despair we mount up to the highest pinnacle in anticipation of His help and courage. We find new strength to go on because we know He is near. We can then sing with the hymn writer:

Though trouble assail, and danger affright,
Though friends do all fail, and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, Whatever betide;
The promise assures us, "The Lord Will Provide."

When Satan appears, obstructing our path,
And fills us with fears, We triumph by faith;
He cannot take from us, Though oft he has tried,
The heart-cheering promise; "The Lord Will Provide."
Z.H. 86:1, 4

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Oct. 31 – Nov. 6

M. Wonders in Heaven. Genesis 1:1-8
T. Wonders of Earth. Genesis 1:9-25
W. Wonders of Man. Genesis 1:26-31
T. Wonders of Mercy. Psalm 103:8-18
F. *Wonders of God. Isaiah 40:10-18
S. *Wonders of God's Strength. Isaiah 40:19-31
S. Wonders in the Heavenly City. Revelation 21:1-6

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