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Isaiah 48

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A. The Problem With Israel's Faith Was Hypocrisy (Isaiah 48:1-8)

1. The root of their hypocrisy (48:1-2)

Not What You Say But What You Believe

Matthew 15:18

2. The results of their hypocrisy (48:3-8)

a. Stubbornness (vv 3-4)

God does what He says

b. Idolatry (v 5)

c. Ignorance of God's master plan (vv 6-8)

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B. The Power of God's Love (Isaiah 48:9-11)

- 1. Mercy (48:9)**
- 2. Patience (48:10-11)**

C. The Plan For God's People (Isaiah 48:12-17)

- 1. Hearken (48:12-14a)**
- 2. Wait on the Lord (48:14b-15)**
- 3. Come close to God (48:16)**
- 4. Learn of God's ways (48:17)**

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D. The Promises Offered to God's People (Isaiah 48:18-21)

- 1. Peace (48:18)**
- 2. Righteousness (48:18)**
- 3. Multiplication (48:19)**
- 4. An eternal testimony (48:19)**
- 5. Freedom (48:20)**
- 6. Praise (48:20)**
- 7. Redemption (48:21)**
- 8. Satisfaction (48:21)**

E. The Promise to the Wicked (Isaiah 48:22)

The Savior of the World
Isaiah 49

Christ Is The Light and Love of God to the World

I. Christ's Message to the World (Isaiah 49:1-7)

A. Listen and Heed (49:1)

Isaiah 49:1

Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far;...

B. Christ's call (49:1)

Isaiah 49:1

...The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

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C. Christ's characteristics (49:2)

Isaiah 49:2

And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

D. Christ's commission (49:3)

Isaiah 49:3

And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

I. Christ's Message to the World (Isaiah 49:1-7)

E. Christ's commentary on His earthly ministry (48:4-7)

1. A human perspective (v 4)

Isaiah 49:4

Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

I. Christ's Message to the World (Isaiah 49:1-7)

E. Christ's commentary on His earthly ministry (48:4-7) – continued

2. God's perspective (vv 5-7)

Isaiah 49:5-7

5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

I. Christ's Message to the World (Isaiah 49:1-7)

E. Christ's commentary on His earthly ministry (48:4-7) – continued

2. God's perspective (vv 5-7)

Isaiah 49:5-7

7 Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

II. Christ's Message to Israel (Isaiah 49:8-14)

A. I am your covenant (49:8)

Isaiah 49:8

Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

B. I am your redemption (49:9)

Isaiah 49:9

That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

II. Christ's Message to Israel (Isaiah 49:8-14)

C. I am your provision (49:10)

Isaiah 49:10

They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

D. I am your way (49:11)

Isaiah 49:11

And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

II. Christ's Message to Israel (Isaiah 49:8-14)

E. I will gather you together (49:12)

Isaiah 49:12

Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

F. I am your hope in your hopelessness (49:13-14)

Isaiah 49:13-14

13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

III. God's Assurance to Israel (Isaiah 49:15-26)

A. I will remember you (49:15-16)

Isaiah 49:15-16

15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

B. I will deliver you (49:17)

Isaiah 49:17

Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

III. God's Assurance to Israel (Isaiah 49:15-26)

C. I will clothe you (49:18)

Isaiah 49:18

Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth.

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D. I will expand your borders (49:19-20)

Isaiah 49:19-20

19 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

20 The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

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Isaiah 49:21-26

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been?

22 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

III. God's Assurance to Israel (Isaiah 49:15-26)

Isaiah 49:21-26 - continued

23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

III. God's Assurance to Israel (Isaiah 49:15-26)

Isaiah 49:21-26 - continued

26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

III. God's Assurance to Israel (Isaiah 49:15-26)

E. I will restore you (49:21-26)

- 1. Israel's question - Where did these children come from? (v 21)**

III. God's Assurance to Israel (Isaiah 49:15-26)

E. I will restore you (49:21-26) - continued

2. God's response - Nine promises (vv 22-26)

- a. "I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles" (v 22)**
- b. "set up my standard to the people" (v 22)**
- c. "they shall bring" these children (v 22)**
- d. "kings shall be thy nursing fathers and queens thy nursing mothers" (v 23)**
- e. "they shall bow down to thee" (v 23)**
- f. "thou shalt know that I am the Lord" (v 23)**
- g. "Even the captives .. and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered..." (v 25)**
- h. "I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh" (v 26)**
- i. "all flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer" (v 26)**

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