

Prepare for the Servant - I

Isaiah 51

To find God you need to look and be ready for Him.

A. A Call to Follow Righteousness (Isaiah 51:1-3)

1. Only by seeking God (51:1a)

2. Remember your spiritual heritage (1b-2)

3. The promises of following righteousness (51:3)

Comfort, joy, gladness, , thanksgiving, voice of melody

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B. A Call to Salvation (Isaiah 51:4-6)

1. Only from God (51:4)

Isaiah 43:11

2. The promise of salvation (51:5-6)

a. It is near

b. It is eternal

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C. A Call to Follow God's Law (Isaiah 51:7-8)

1. Only from the heart (51:7)

a. Where the law of God is hidden

b. Where the fear of reproach is driven

Hebrews 13:6

2. The promise of following God's Law (51:8) – No judgment

Romans 8:1

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D. A Call to God For Action (Isaiah 51:9-16)

- 1. God does not work in our lives unless we cry out to Him (51:9-10)**
- 2. The results of God's action (51:11-16)**
 - a. Redemption (v 11)**
 - b. Comfort (v 12)**
 - c. Deliverance (vv 13-14)**
 - d. Protection (vv 15-16)**

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E. A Call to Jerusalem For Action (Isaiah 51:17-23)

- 1. Right actions do not occur unless we stand up (51:17)**
How much judgment must one go through to wake up? - 1 Corinthians 15:34
- 2. Right actions do not occur unless we follow the right leader (51:18-20)**
- 3. Right actions lead to spiritual freedom (51:21-23)**

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Isaiah 52

To find God you need to look and be ready for Him.

I. A Call to Righteousness (Isaiah 52:1-12)

A. The request (52:1)

Isaiah 52:1

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

Psalms 29:11

The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

Isaiah 61:3

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

I. A Call to Righteousness (Isaiah 52:1-12)

B. The requirements (52:2-8)

1. Reject sin (vv2-5)

a. Separate from worldly influence and repent (v 2)

Isaiah 52:2

**Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O
Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O
captive daughter of Zion.**

I. A Call to Righteousness (Isaiah 52:1-12)

B. The requirements (52:2-8)

1. Reject sin (vv2-5) - continued

b. See sin God's way (vv 3-5)

Isaiah 52:3-5

3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

4 For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

I. A Call to Righteousness (Isaiah 52:1-12)

B. The requirements (52:2-8) - continued

2. Receive God (vv 6-8)

a. In His name (v 6)

Isaiah 52:6

Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.

I. A Call to Righteousness (Isaiah 52:1-12)

B. The requirements (52:2-8)

2. Receive God (vv 6-8) - continued

b. By His messenger (vv 7-8)

Isaiah 52:7-8

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

I. A Call to Righteousness (Isaiah 52:1-12)

C. The results (52:9-12)

1. Praise (v 9)

Isaiah 52:9

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

2. Deliverance (v 10)

Isaiah 52:10

The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

I. A Call to Righteousness (Isaiah 52:1-12)

C. The results (52:9-12) - continued

3. A holy life and position (v 11)

Isaiah 52:11

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

4. Protection (v 12)

Isaiah 52:12

For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your reward.

II. A Call to Understand God's Servant Christ (Isaiah 52:13-15)

A. His Godly preeminence (52:13)

Isaiah 52:13

Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

B. His human persecution (52:14)

Isaiah 52:14

As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

Psalms 22:6

But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

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C. His “startling” purpose (52:15)

Isaiah 52:15

So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

Are You Prepared?