

The Blessed Benefits of Redemption

Isaiah 54

There is no more graphic and detailed chapter in the Bible that describes the passion and death of our Lord than Isaiah 53. Let me pinpoint some of the words of Isaiah 53:4, 5, 10, 11: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."

Isaiah 53 teaches us the price that our Lord paid to give us redemption and Isaiah 54 teaches us the resulting benefits we receive.

I. IN CHRIST WE RECEIVE A FRUITFUL LIFE.

Isaiah 54:1-3

A. Despondency is reversed.

Isaiah 54:1

"...Break forth into singing..." (Isaiah 54:3). Life at its best, outside of Christ can only anesthetize the hurts and disappointments of life. Even in the barren moments of the Christian's existence, we may sing with faith knowing that the abundant life is already in us. In the same way a lady with child carries life, so also the believer carries the life of God, which is the promised abundant life our Lord promises us. II Corinthians 4:10: "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body."

B. Make room for growth.

Isaiah 54:2, 3

Perhaps you have heard of a story like this: A family is walking to church to pray for much needed rain. When the mother headed to the church with her family, one of the children inquired, "Why are you taking the umbrella?" The mom answered, "If we are going to pray for rain, we need to be prepared for the answer."

I have been fascinated through the years of how businessmen would build an office park or shopping mall and after building one or two buildings would be occupied and then "for lease" signs would be put in the windows of the empty buildings. Eventually, the buildings were occupied and the investment would pay off.

Jesus said in Mark 16:15, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." To encourage our faith further Jesus said in Matthew 16:18: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon

this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Hope is built up even more when Jesus said in John 14:12: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”

II. IN CHRIST WE RECEIVE A FORGIVEN LIFE.

Isaiah 54:4-10

A. We may move past our past.

Isaiah 54:4

B. We may have intimacy with our Creator.

Isaiah 54:5

Isaiah 44:21.22; Isaiah 43:21

C. We have the assurance that we will never be forsaken.

Isaiah 54:6-10

We are accepted not rejected. Ephesians 1:6: “To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”

Hebrews 13:5: “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

D. God’s punitive action with His children is always temporary.

Isaiah 54:7, 8

Psalms 30:5: “For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”

II Corinthians 4:17: “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

Job 23:10: “But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”

III. IN CHRIST WE HAVE MAGNIFICENT FAMILY LIFE.

Isaiah 53:11-14

A. An enhanced interior

Isaiah 54:12, 13.

Revelation 21:9-27. Heaven is beautifully decorated. The best part of Heaven is found in Revelation 21:23: “And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”

Our Lord and Savior is what makes Heaven heavenly. In the life of the believer and in the family life of a Christian, it is Christ within that brings Heaven to Earth.

Luke 11:2: “And He said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.”

B. The prospect of generational transfer of blessing

Isaiah 54: 13

Psalm 37:25: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

IV. IN CHRIST WE HAVE PROTECTION FROM WITHOUT.

Isaiah 54:14-17

We may live without fear.

Isaiah 54:14

God can turn the tables on those against you.

Isaiah 54:15, 16

Esther 7:10a: "So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai...."

God's plan for us is greater than all forces against us.

Isaiah 54:17.

A. No weapon against us will prosper. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper...."

B. No witnesses will indict us. "...Every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement thou shalt condemn...."

C. Not one of God's children is left out. "...This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD...."

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