

ISAIAH – The LORD is the Holy One of Israel

Lesson 9 – Outline

The Servant's Ministry

Isaiah 49:1 – 53:12

Who is called as the Servant of the LORD? – Verses 49:1 – 49:7

*** Is it Isaiah? (vs 49:1 – 49:2) –**

- Before he was born the LORD called him (vs 49:1)
- The LORD made his mouth like a sharpened sword (vs 49:2)
- He was hidden in the shadow of the LORD's hand (vs 49:2)
- He was a polished arrow, concealed in the LORD's quiver (vs 49:2)

*** Is it Israel? (vs 49:3 – 49:4) –**

- The LORD said it to Israel (vs 49:3)
- Israel was to display the LORD's splendor (vs 49:3)
- But Israel failed in purpose, in strength and without reward (vs 49:4)

*** Is it the Messiah (Jesus)? (vs 49:5 – 49:7) –**

- He would be born to be God's servant (vs 49:5)
- He will bring back and gather Israel to Himself (vs 49:5 – 49:6)
- He alone will be honored in the eyes of the LORD and God will be His strength (vs 49:5)
- He will be a light for the Gentiles and will bring salvation (vs 49:6)
- He is the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel, though despised and abhorred by the nation, though kings will see Him and rise up and princes will bow down because the LORD is faithful and has chosen Him (vs 49:7)

Why will Israel be Restored and Repopulate Zion? – Verses 49:8 – 49:26

*** Because the LORD says (vs 49:8 – 49:26) –**

- They are His covenant people (vs 49:8)
- He will restore the land to them (vs 49:8)
- He will care for them (vs 49:9-10)
- He will bring them back (vs 49:11-12, 17-18)
- He will have compassion on them and will not forget them (vs 49:13-16)
- He will repopulate the land (vs 49:19-21)
- It will be a banner to the Gentiles (vs 49:22-24)
- So that all mankind will know that the LORD is Savior, Redeemer and the Mighty One of Jacob (Israel) (vs 49:25-26)

Israel's Sin and the Servant's Obedience – Verses 50:1 – 50:11

*** The LORD says (vs 50:1 – 50:3) –**

- Where is your mother's certificate of divorce? (vs 50:1)
- When I called, why was there no one to answer? (vs 50:2 – 50:3)

*** The Servant song (vs 50:4 – 50:11) –**

- The Sovereign LORD has given Me an instructed tongue (vs 50:4)
- The Sovereign LORD has opened My ears (vs 50:5)
- I offered My back to those who beat Me; My cheeks to those who pulled out My beard; I did not hide My face from mocking and spitting (vs 50:6)
- Because the Sovereign LORD helps Me, I will not be disgraced or put to shame (vs 50:7)
- It is the Sovereign LORD Who helps Me, so who is My accuser, who will condemn Me? (vs 50:8 – 50:9)
- Who fears the LORD and obeys the word of His Servant? (vs 50:10)
- All you who light fires, go, walk in the light of your fires and receive from My hand: you will lie down in torment (vs 50:11)

The LORD will Comfort Zion with His Everlasting Promises – Verses 51:1 – 52:12

*** Listen My People, look to the Rock, look to Abraham (vs 51:1 – 51:8) –**

- Pursue righteousness and seek the LORD (vs 51:1)
- The LORD called Abraham, blessed him and made him many (vs 51:2)
- The LORD will comfort Zion with compassion (vs 51:3)
- The law will go out, justice will become a light to the nations (vs 51:4)
- The LORD's righteousness will bring salvation and His arm justice (vs 51:5)
- Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth, justice will be served but salvation will last forever and righteousness will never fail (vs 51:6)
- Hear Me, you who know what is right, do not fear the reproach of man (vs 51:7)
- My righteousness will last forever; My salvation through all generations (vs 51:8)

*** Awake, awake, look at what I have done, see what I will do (vs 51:9 – 51:16) –**

- I delivered you out of Egypt through the Red Sea (vs 51:9-10)
- You will return to Zion with singing, full of gladness and joy (vs 51:11)
- Never forget the LORD, your Maker, Who has put His words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of His hand; for you are His people (vs 51:12 – 51:16)

*** Awake, awake, O Jerusalem (vs 51:17 – 51:23) –**

- You who have drunk from the hand of the LORD, the cup of His wrath (vs 51:17-21)
- He will take the cup that made you stagger and put it in the hands of your tormentors (vs 51:22-23)

- * Awake, awake, O Zion (vs 52:1 – 52:12) –
 - Clothe yourself with strength, put on your garments of splendor (vs 52:1)
 - Shake off the dust, rise up, sit enthroned, free yourself from the chains on your neck, you will be redeemed (vs 52:2-3)
 - Remember the past and the present (vs 52:4-5)
 - But look to the future (vs 52:6-12):
 - My people will know My name (vs 52:6)
 - They will bring the good news (the gospel) to those who will say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” (vs 52:7)
 - Your watchmen will lift up their voices and shout for joy when the LORD returns to Zion (vs 52:8)
 - Burst into songs of joy when He has redeemed Jerusalem (vs 52:9)
 - All the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God (vs 52:10)
 - So give up unclean pagan religious objects, for you will not leave in haste but the LORD will go before you and the God of Israel will be your rear guard (vs 52:11-12)

The Sufferings and Glories of the LORD’S Righteous Servant – Verses 52:13 – 53:12

- * See My Servant (vs 52:13 – 52:15) –
 - High and lifted up (vs 52:13)
 - His appearance disfigured, marred beyond human likeness (vs 52:14)
 - He will sprinkle (cleans) many nations and shut kings mouths (vs 52:15)
- * Believe the Gospel Message of the Suffering Servant! (vs 53:1 – 53:12) –
 - Origin – like a “shoot” from “shoot town” (Nazareth) (vs 53:2)
 - Appearance – no beauty or majesty to attract us (vs 53:2)
 - Rejection – despised, rejected, man of sorrows, familiar with suffering (vs 53:3)
 - Suffering – took up our infirmities; carried our sorrows; stricken by God; afflicted; pierced for our transgressions; bruised for our iniquities; punished for our peace; by His stripes (wounds) we are healed; oppressed but did not open His mouth (vs 53:4-7)
 - Death – cut off from the land of the living (vs 53:8)
 - Burial – assigned a grave with the wicked in a rich man’s tomb (vs 53:9)
 - Purpose:
 - Made His life our guilt offering (vs 53:10)
 - Justification – will justify many bearing their iniquities (vs 53:11-12)
 - Substitution intercession – numbered with transgressors, bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors (vs 53:12)

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- 1. Why is Jesus the only one who fits the title of the Servant of the LORD?**
- 2. Why is it so important that the restoration of Israel be fulfilled literally?**
- 3. Compare the four Songs of the Servant in Isaiah 42:1 – 9; 49:1 – 13; 50:4 – 11 and 52:13 – 53:12.**
- 4. Consider how we can be better servants for the LORD.**
- 5. How have you seen the struggles in your life prepare you for service to the LORD?**