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THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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“Why Wouldn’t You Come?” Part 2

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Prophecies of Isaiah

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Introduction to the Text:

Isaiah 55:1-13

1.) When God has said “Come”

vs. 1-3a

2.) When God has said “Mercy”

vs. 3b-5

3.) When God has said “Return to Me”

vs. 6-7

Why Wouldn’t You Come?

4.) When God has said “I’m big enough”

vs. 8-11

:8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. :9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Consider and Reflect upon the Attributes of God

The Omniscience (all knowledge) of God

The Omnipresence (all location) of God

The Omnipotence (all power) of God

These awesome attributes of God might cause you to question the “all-ness” of God in light of the world’s problems – I get that.

The presences of evil in this world.

(We are all evil in our motives)

And yet we decide what is evil and not evil, based on what we have decided is evil and good. I make myself the Lord of my determinations.

The presences of injustice.

(We are all unjust in our reasoning)

And yet we look around and judge what is right and wrong based on our perspective – perspective based on our inability to see clearly, to think clearly, and to reason clearly.

:8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord.

Thoughts heb: designs, intentions, plans, schematics, purposes, conclusions.
(Versus yours and mine?)

Ways heb: darak / derek the targeting of the archer. All that involves the hitting of a target. The bending of the bow. The pulling of the string. The aim. The skill of archery. The manner, the mission, the course.
(Versus yours and mine?)

:9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Listen

All of us, apart from God leading us, do not know what we’re doing!

Proverbs 16:25

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Romans 11:33

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! **34** “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?”

1 Corinthians 2:13-16

These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14** But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. **15** But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. **16** For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

:10 “For AS the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
:11 So shall (just like rain and snow) My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Too often, we have grown callous of God’s “simply-profound” blessings

The Bible is Supernatural in Every Way.

The Bible - Invites you to Experience God.

The Bible - is like a Surgeon’s Scalpel that separates.

The Bible - acts as a Compass to your Soul.

The Bible - illuminates things in the dark.

The Bible – reveals to us why our future is so worth living.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

2 Corinthians 12:2-4

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago - whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows - such a one was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows - 4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Why Wouldn’t You Come?

5.) When God has said “Go”

vs. 12-13

:12 “For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

A warning from Jesus to us tonight.

Luke 7:31-32

And the Lord said, "To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like? **32** They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not weep."

A warning from Paul to us tonight.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together *with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. **2** For He says: "*In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.*" Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

Isaiah 56:1-7

Thus says the Lord: "keep **justice**, and do **righteousness**, for **My salvation** is about to come, and **My righteousness** to be revealed. **2** Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; who keeps from defiling the **Sabbath**, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.

Are We Supposed to Keep the Sabbath?

Question: what is the purpose of, or (the) reason for the Sabbath?

Exodus 34:21

"Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.

Mark 2:25-27

But He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: **26** how he went into the house of God in the days of Abia'thar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?" **:27** And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. **28** Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

Romans 14:5-6

One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. **6** He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it.

Colossians 2:16-17

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, **17** which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

**The true Sabbath is not a day. It's a Place.
It's being with God, in the presence of God in a personal relationship with Him through our Great High Priest Jesus Christ – He is our Rest. Every day. Day in, day out.
Day by day. – Jesus is our All in all.**

Question?

But what does that mean and practice?

And how is it better than our Jewish friends keeping one day of the week?

Hebrews 4:9-11

:9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.
:11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

:3 Do not let the son of the **foreigner** who has joined himself to the Lord speak, saying, "The Lord has utterly separated me from my people"; nor let the **eunuch** say, "Here I am, a dry tree." 4 for thus says the Lord: "To the **eunuchs** who keep my **Sabbaths**, and choose what pleases me, and hold fast my covenant, 5 even to them I will give in **My house** and within **My walls** a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

:6 "Also the sons of the **foreigner** (gentile) who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants - - everyone who keeps from defiling the **Sabbath**, (not the Day – but the Abiding) and holds fast **My covenant** - - 7 even them I will bring to **My Holy Mountain**, and make them joyful in **My House** of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on **My altar**;

**:7b For My house shall be called
a house of prayer for all nations** (the gentile nations)."

End of Study

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