

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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“Can You Hear Me Now?”

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

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Introduction to the Text: Isaiah 59:1-2

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. **2** But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

This is the **Doctrine of Confession** to bring about **Restoration**

Do you know that it's God's will that you be
Reconciled – Restored to His origin design for you?

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **18** Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, **19** that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation **20** Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. **21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 John 1:5-10

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. **6** **If we say** that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
(to the believer)

7 But **if we walk** in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

(to the believer)

:8 **If we say** that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 **If we confess** our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 **If we say** that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Is there a difference between the Confession of sin for the Christian
vs.

The Confession of sin for the unbeliever?

Can You Hear Me Now?

1.) The Lord is able to forgive

vs. 1a

Behold, the Lord's hand is not **shortened**,

2.) the Lord is desiring to hear

vs. 1b

That it cannot **save**; nor His ear **heavy**, that it cannot **hear**.

3.) The Lord will not tolerate our iniquities

vs. 2a

2 But your **iniquities** (guilt, shame) have **separated** (to build a wall of Separation; a boundary or line; a border) you from your God;

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my **iniquity** I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the **iniquity** of my sin.

iniquities heb. Is a predetermined sin. It is a planned disobedience against God. It's to make an appointment to sin.

David is a perfect example of this regarding Bathsheba.

Psalm 51:1-4

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight.

Lest you get the wrong idea – David is the exception,

not the norm. His level of repentance is remarkable.

Note the Progression of Sin as it becomes Iniquity

Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, **21** envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Romans 1:22-28

Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and fourfooted animals and creeping things. **:24** Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, **25** who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. **:26** For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. **27** Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. **:28** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a **debased** mind (reprobate – no way back), to do those things which are not fitting;

There is a line that a human can cross that seals their fate.

Can You Hear Me Now?

4.) The Lord will no longer favor us

vs. 2b

...and your **sins** (self-determined; self-led) have **hidden** (to push away or to place out of view – this goes both ways) His face from you, So that He will not hear.

In 1 Peter 3, Peter gives us great advice
about hindered prayer

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Isaiah 59:1-2 NLT

Listen! The Lord's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. **2** It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

End of Study

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