

The Preaching of the Gospel

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I. PREACHING AND PROGRESS, 62:1-3

A. Isaiah will not hold his peace or rest, 1

1. The prophet's purpose was to preach the message of God to Israel
2. The prophet's job was to tell the truth no matter how negative it might be.
3. With a burning in his heart, Jeremiah tried to stop preaching but could not
 - a. Jeremiah 20:9 *Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.*

B. Until righteousness and salvation go forth in brightness and burning, 1

1. The glory of God is many times referred to as the Shekinah Glory.
2. The glory is beyond human comprehension.
 - a. Isaiah 6:10-13 *Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. 11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, 12 And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. 13 But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.*
3. The preaching of the Gospel is to be done until God is finished doing his work in his people on the earth and all things have been restored to their pre-Adam condition.

C. The Gentiles shall see God's righteousness and all kings his glory, 2

1. More and more the Lord is telling us through this prophet that he is interested in bringing the Gentiles into the camp of Israel to be blessed by God's righteousness through repentance and faith in their Messiah, Jesus Christ.

D. Israel will be called by a new name, which name the Lord gives, 2

1. In the beginning God's chosen people were called Hebrews.
2. Later they were called Israel after the name of Jacob, whose name was changed.
3. In the New Testament, after God had opened the way for Gentiles to be saved, believers were called Christians. The name Christian is mentioned in the Bible only two times.
 - a. Acts 11:26 *And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called **Christians** first in Antioch.*
 - b. 1 Peter 4:16 *Yet if any man suffer as a **Christian**, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.*
4. So, the mixture of Jew and Gentile, the wall of partition having been broken down, is called Christian. We are no longer Jew and Gentile but Christians, the new name.

- E. Israel will be a crown of glory and a diadem (crown) in the hand of God, 3
 - 1. As God brings Jew and Gentile (Christians) together in an assembly, they will be used in the hand of God to perform his work through the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 2. The church, then, becomes the place from which God receives his glory
 - a. Ephesians 3:21 *Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*
 - 3. Churches are used in the hand of God as messengers to the world for the Gospel of Christ and for the teaching of the “all things I have commanded you” in the Great Commission. (Matt. 28:18-20).

II. DELIGHT AND DEDICATION, 62:4-5

- A. Israel will no more be Forsaken or Desolate, as they called themselves by name, especially when they were in bondage, 4
 - 1. But through redemption they will neither be forsaken nor desolate. They will be forever saved by grace through faith and will inherit the promises as promised by God.
 - 2. Christians (Jew and Gentile) will be called Hephzibah, which means “My Delight.”
 - 3. This verse (4) tells us that God delights in Israel.
- B. The land “shall be married, 4
 - 1. The name Beulah means “married.”
 - 2. Marriage and espousal as metaphors are both used in the Bible to illustrate different things:
 - 3. Every saved person
 - a. Romans 7:4 *Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.*
 - 4. Local Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - a. 2 Corinthians 11:2 *For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*
 - b. Ephesians 5:31-32 *For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*
 - 5. A General Assembly in Heaven
 - a. Revelation 19:7-9 *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.*
 - b. This is the General Assembly spoken of in Hebrews 12:23 *To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*
 - 6. So, we are to be dedicated to our service for God as a young man is dedicated to the virgin that he has married.
 - 7. We do not have time to speak more on this subject at this time.

C. Sons will be married to Israel, 5

1. Sons are believers in the true doctrine of Israel as God has given it to them.
2. Even though the of Israel have misrepresented the true doctrine and the faith of the oracles of God, yet God has a remnant in Israel who will believe and be a part of the Israel of God, which includes both Jew and Gentile.
3. When Gentiles are saved, they become spiritual members of Israel, because Romans 9:6 says, *Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.*
 - a. Romans 2:29 *But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.*
 - b. Galatians 3:29 *And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

III. WATCHMEN ON THE WALL, 62:6-7

A. The Watchmen Are Preachers, 6

1. Here is repeated the instruction from the first part of this chapter, that the preachers are to preach the word of the gospel as long as they live.
2. In our day the churches are to preach the gospel, every word of the gospel to every creature in every part of the world.
3. They are never to hold their peace day nor night.

B. Give God No Rest, 7

1. These preachers are never to give God rest until he brings all of his promises to fruition.
2. Until God makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
 - a. Jerusalem is important to every aspect of human history.
 - b. It is Jerusalem to which the Israelites put their eye and their goal as they left Egypt to travel to the Promised Land.
 - c. It is Jerusalem where they built their temple to the Lord and where worship was done and to which everyone looked as the prayed to Jehovah God.
 - d. It was in Jerusalem that Jesus was arrested and tried and brought to the judgment hall and was judged by wicked men.
 - e. It was in Jerusalem that his sentence was pronounced.
 - f. Jerusalem was the center of attention when the writer of Hebrews said in Hebrews 13:12 *Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.*
 - g. It was from Jerusalem that the first church of the Lord preached the message of salvation by grace to the world.
 - h. It was to Jerusalem that other churches looked for guidance.
 - i. It is in Jerusalem that our foundations are laid for the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - j. It was Jerusalem that was named after the Jerusalem that is in heaven, the real Jerusalem, where the real ark of the covenant is found and which is the “mother of us all” Galatians 4:26 *But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.*

k. So Jerusalem is a praise to us in the earth for its significance.

IV. PROMISE AND PROFIT, 62:8-10

- A. God's promises, even makes an oath, that he will no longer give good things to the wicked, our enemies. Our labors will be rewarded, 8-9
1. Matthew 10:42 *And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.*
 2. 1 Timothy 5:18 *For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.*
- B. Setting A Standard,10
1. Since God has promised to reward us with eternal blessings, we are to set up a standard, or a decent way of living, and preach against sin (gather out the stones) and prepare a way for those who believe to live holy lives apart from the world (the standard).
 2. We must go through gates, though, to do this. The gates of Jerusalem are to be opened, and disciples must go out from there to preach the word.
 - a. In the New Testament, believers wanted to stay in Jerusalem, but Jesus brought severe persecution, and many disciples left Jerusalem, and they went everywhere preaching the gospel (Acts 8:4).
 - b. Paul even went to the "regions beyond" (the foreign field) to preach the gospel: 2 Corinthians 10:16 *To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.*

V. THE FINALITY AND THE FORSAKEN, 62:11-12

- A. Preaching To The End Of The World, 11
1. The word **Behold** is used three times in this verse
 2. (1) Behold, God has proclaimed his word to the whole world through his prophets and preachers.
 3. Romans 10:18 *But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.*
 4. People are in our own day reaching to the ends of the world to preach the gospel to every creature as we are commanded to do.
- B. Salvation And Reward Are Coming, 11
1. (2) Behold salvation cometh – This could well refer to the second coming of the Lord, though some think it is referring to Israel in Isaiah's day looking to the first coming of the Lord. Eventually, it does refer to Christ's second coming with his reward.
 2. (3) Behold, his reward is with him and his work is before him
 - a. Isaiah 40:10 *Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.*
 3. God has a purposed work to do; it is before him, and he will accomplish that which he purposes through his word.
- C. Names Given To God's People, 12
1. The Holy People
 - a. Israel have almost always been called God's holy people – Daniel 8:24 *And his*

power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

- b. 1 Peter 1:16 *Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*
2. The Redeemed Of The Lord
 - a. 1 Corinthians 6:20 *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*
 - b. 1 Corinthians 7:23 *Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.*
3. Sought Out
 - a. Israel was sought out by election, by the supreme grace of God with love and mercy.
 - b. Matthew 18:11 *For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.*
 - c. Romans 10:20 *But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.*

VI. CONCLUSION

- A. So we are to preach the Gospel
 1. 2 Timothy 4:2 *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*
 2. 1 Corinthians 9:16 *For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!*
 3. One day all of our labors will be rewarded, and we will live in a land to which we are married and will have that intimate relationship with Christ, being dead to the law and married . . . *to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.*