

# The Crown, The Cornerstone, and The Covenant

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Read for Text: Isaiah 28:1-28

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- I. THE CROWN, 28:5-13
  - A. A Crown Of Pride, 1-4
    1. This is the crown of man (Ephraim, northern Israel),
    2. This is a crown that “whose glorious beauty is a fading flower.”
    3. As the people of Ephraim were drunken with the beautiful crown of pride, they were like a fading flower in the hand, 4
  - B. The Crown Of Glory, 5-6
    1. The Crown of Glory is the Lord, Jehovah, and, of course, Jesus Christ, 5
    2. The Crown of Glory is also the Diadem of Beauty, 5
      - a. A diadem is a crown worn on the head. In biblical times it was a wreath put on the head of a person who had won battles or won competition in a sport.
      - b. Romans 10:15 *And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*
      - c. Psalm 96:9 *O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.*
      - d. Psalm 27:4 *One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.*
    3. The Crown of Glory is for “spirit of judgment,” 6
    4. The Crown of Glory is for “strength in battle” 6
  - C. Priests and Prophets Have Erred Against the Crown of Glory, 7-9
  - D. The Perspicuity of Scripture Is Needed For Rest, 10-13
    1. Perspicuity means *clarity*. We need clarity of Scripture for our growing.
    2. But the priests and prophets have wasted their lives on wine and strong drink, 7
    3. So, to whom shall God teach knowledge? (9). God may as well teach the just-weaned baby as to teach the priests and prophets who have wasted their lives, leaving the word of God for their own pleasures.
    4. Perspicuity of learning every precept and every line for clarity so that the Scriptures may be taught to others in a clear and understandable way, 10. God must give the word to these priests and prophets one small part at a time, because they are unskillful in the word.
    5. Hebrews 5:13 *For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*
    6. 1 Cor. 3:1 *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.*
    7. Rest is found in the Scriptures, 12
      - a. The word of God is the rest and the refreshing for the weary and even for the unlearned to grow strong in the Lord.
      - b. But the priests and prophets would not hear, 12
    8. The word of God was a repetition to them, 13

- a. The Hebrew reads KI TSAV LATSAV TSAV LATSAV KAV LAKAV KAV LAKAV
- b. This is like sounding brass and tinkling cymbal as mentioned in 1 Cor. 13:1 *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.*
- c. They executed their offices with vain repetition. Matt. 6:7 *But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.*

## II. THE CORNER STONE, 28:16-17

### A. A Positive Stone, 16

1. This Stone is Jesus – 1 Peter 2:6 *Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, . . .*
2. There are many positive things about this stone
  - a. He is an Elect Stone – Chosen and placed in Zion
  - b. He is a Precious Stone – Isaiah says, “a precious corner stone”
    - (1) Precious in the sense that there is none like Him
    - (2) Precious in the sense that He is able to save to the uttermost
  - c. He is a Tried Stone – 16
  - d. He is a Sure Foundation – 16
  - e. *and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.*
  - f. Isaiah 28:16 – *he that believeth on him shall not make haste*, or be impatient to wait for His promises.

### B. A Negative Stone, 17

1. First, there is Judgment
2. Second, there is Righteousness.
3. Judgment and Righteousness will be brought together to measure the sins of the people of earth, and all lies and falsehoods will be revealed and judged by the righteousness of Christ.

## III. THE COVENANT, 14-15; 18-22

### A. The Covenant Made, 14-15

1. The people made a covenant with death and with hell - SHEOL, or the grave.
2. Some people call this a league with the devil.
3. It (death, verse 15) shall not come unto us.
4. They made LIES their refuge
5. They made FALSEHOOD their hiding place

### B. The Covenant Disannulled, 18-22

1. The Hebrew word KAPHAR literally means “put off.”
2. So this covenant with death will not stand.
3. No one can make a covenant with death and expect it to stand, for death is a great deceiver.
4. Death is a great covering over the entire earth, and its day will come for every person.
5. Heb 9:27 *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*
6. In Adam all die, 1 Cor. 15:22.
7. God’s anger will come against those who have made a covenant with death and will do a

strange work, 21.

8. John 8:24 *I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.*

#### IV. CONCLUSION, 28:23-28

- A. Isaiah here tells the people to listen to his message, 23
- B. Isaiah explains the work of the experienced farmer.
  1. He does not always do the same work but is taught of God to do it right, 26
  2. He does not plow all day or every day, leaving other work undone.
  3. He is sure to use the right instruments for their appropriate jobs, 27
  4. God is his counselor in all these things, 29
- C. So, like the farmer who works by experience and knowledge, so Israel should listen to the advice of Isaiah in turning from their lies and falsehood, not putting their confidence by way of covenant with the devil, believe that they will not die.
- D. God is our great counselor. Isa 9:6 *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*
- E. So we have the Crown (Jesus Christ), the Corner Stone (Jesus Christ), a covenant with death in which men try to live without dying, but God's judgment will come, and a great Counselor (Jesus Christ) who can teach us all things that we need to know about him if we will only hear his voice.
- F. Let us not be children, but let us grow up – Eph 4:15 *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*