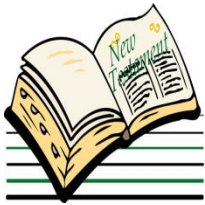


Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: Purchased by God Without Cost"

Text: Isaiah 52:1-12

Theme: Imagine what you would have to pay to purchase eternal life if God charged you for it. Instead, by grace He pays the cost Himself for your redemption by the priceless sacrifice of Christ Jesus in your place.

SHORT OUTLINE OF ISAIAH THUS FAR:

- I. **THE BAD NEWS OF JUDGMENT MINGLED WITH GOOD NEWS OF HOPE DURING THE ASSYRIAN PERIOD** 1-39

- II. **THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION MINGLED WITH SOME BAD NEWS DURING THE BABYLONIAN PERIOD** 40-66
 - A. **The Power of God Who Graciously Redeems His People** 40-48
 - B. **The Servant of the LORD Who Will Redeem God's People** 49-55
 - 1. God's Promise That He Will Restore Israel 49:1-52:12
 - a. The LORD's Servant Will Be Despised Yet Successful 49:1-13
 - b. God's Answer to the Accusation That He Has Forgotten Israel 49:14-50:3
 - c. The Servant's Song of Confidence 50:4-11
 - d. God's Answer to the Charge That He Is Not Compassionate 51:1-8
 - e. God's Answer That He Is Not Asleep** **51:9-52:12**
 - (1) Prayer for God to Awake 51:9-11
 - (2) God Responds That It Is Rather Israel Who Sleeps 51:12-52:12
 - (a) Israel Has Forgotten the LORD 51:12-16
 - (b) Israel Is Like a Drunken Person 51:17-20
 - (c) Yet the LORD Will Afflict Israel's Tormentors 51:21-23
 - (d) Israel Will No Longer Be Captive** **52:1-12**
 - 2. The Means of Salvation Through the Suffering Servant 52:13-53:12
 - 3. The Celebration of the Servant's Work 54-55
 - C. **The Results in Life When the LORD Redeems His People** 56-66

EXPOSITION

- I. **The LORD God Purchases Israel Without _____**
(52:1-6)

- II. **Israel Will Understand and Accept the Good News That _____**
_____ (52:7-10)

- III. **The Command that It Is Time for Israel to _____**
Babylon (52:11-12)

IV. Applications

- A. The Gospel calls God's people to _____ from their spiritual _____.

- B. The Gospel announces God's _____ over all the _____.

- C. The Gospel is good news because it has been _____ for us without _____ to us.

Next Week Read: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What does the LORD command His people to do (vv. 1-2)?
2. What kind of payment did the LORD receive when Israel was taken into exile? What would it cost them to go free (v. 3)?
3. To what previous historical event is Israel's exile compared (v. 4)?
4. What will Israel know when the LORD delivers them (v. 6)?
5. Who is appreciated for the message brought? What is the essence of this message (v. 7)?
6. What do those do who receive the message brought to them (v. 9)? Why?
7. How expansive is the good news of salvation (v. 10)?
8. What are God's people told to do when they receive the announcement of good news (v. 11a)?
9. Who in particular are called to "purify themselves" (v. 11b)?
10. What is the manner in which Israel will not leave the land of their captivity (v. 12)? To what other event is this action implicitly contrasted?
11. What does it mean to be spiritually asleep?
12. Clothing is worn for more than utilitarian purposes. What can certain kinds of clothing signify?
13. What "garment" does the Christian wear? How does the New Testament often express this? How do we obtain this raiment?
14. What is a central message of the Gospel?
15. Explain the concept of being "sold into sin."
16. Why does salvation cost us nothing? Doesn't this make redemption cheap?
17. Why is the Gospel of free grace such a scandal and stumbling block to many people?
18. How do people try to "purchase" their salvation?