

Sermon #74 — *Isaiah Series*

Title: **THE DAY OF GRACE**

Text: Isaiah 25:9-11

Subject: *Our Experience of Grace*

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Reading: *Luke 15:11-24*

Introduction:

My subject is **THE DAY OF GRACE**. Our text will be Isaiah 25:9-11. Once you have found Isaiah 25, I want you just hold your Bible open and listen carefully to what I have to say. It will not be new to you. All that I will say to you in this message I have said to you many times. But all that I will say in the next few minutes is Gospel doctrine of utmost importance. So, give me your attention.

1. **There are some men and women in this world who must and will be saved.** — They are God's elect.

They must and will be saved, because God chose them unto salvation before the world began, predestinated them unto everlasting glory, and adopted them into his family (Ephesians 1:3-6; 2

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Thessalonians 2:13-14; John 15:16). Every elect sinner must be saved, because the purpose of God cannot fail.

2. **They must be saved because Christ died for them.** — And the blood of Christ was shed in vain. It cannot be made a waste.

In the fulness of time God sent his Son into the world to redeem, justify, and save his own elect.

- All of them!
- Only them!

We believe the sweet, blessed, soul-cheering, God honoring Gospel doctrine of Limited Atonement — Particular Redemption. I make no apology for preaching it incessantly. Contrary to popular opinion, the blood of Christ was not a useless waste. He did not die to save all men. Christ did not die to make it possible for all men to be saved. Christ died to secure the everlasting salvation of God's elect by the effectual accomplishment of redemption (Isaiah 53:8-10; John 10:11, 14-18; 19:30; Galatians 3:13-14; Hebrews 9:12).

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The Gospel has not been preached until the effectual substitutionary work of Christ on the cross has been declared. — **This is the Gospel** (1 Corinthians 15:3; Romans 3:24-26). — This is “H-O-W” Christ died...

- By his own will. — Sovereignty
- In the place of his chosen people. — Substitution
- To satisfy divine justice. — Satisfaction
- And he cannot fail! — Success

3. **And there is a day appointed by God from eternity, when every elect, redeemed sinner shall be saved.** — *“The Time of Love!”*

There is a day appointed when God the Holy Ghost will, by infallible mercy, irresistible grace, and almighty love reveal Christ in his people, call them from death to life, and give them faith in Christ (Ezekiel 16:6-8; Psalms 65:4; 100:3). — God will see to it!

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Illustrations: *Paul at Miletus*
Paul at Philippi
Philemon's Slave — Onesimus

This is what we call **THE DAY OF GRACE**. I want to talk to you about that blessed day. I pray that this may be the day of grace for some of you. — My text is Isaiah 25:9-11.

(Isaiah 25:9-11) “And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. ¹⁰ For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill. ¹¹ And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth *his hands* to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.”

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Proposition: At the time appointed by God, in the day of grace, God will save his elect.

Divisions: Let me show you three things in our text about the day of grace, three things about every saved sinner's experience of grace.

1. The Believer's Confession of Faith (v. 9)
2. The Place Where Mercy is Dispensed (v. 10)
3. The Success of Christ and His Gospel (vv. 10-12)

THE BELIEVER'S CONFESSION

1st — **We see every believer's confession of faith** (v.9). In that day in the day of grace, in the day you experience God's saving grace, you will gladly confess the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lord your God.

“And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” (v. 9)

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The time spoken of in Scripture as “*that day*” sometimes refers to one thing and at other times to another. But frequently, as in our text, it comprehends several distinct periods, periods in which the things predicted shall begin to be fulfilled. **In other words the fulfilment of the prophecy is progressive, rather than climatic.** It is not altogether fulfilled at one time, but is progressively fulfilled in the individual and collective experiences of God’s elect. Without question, that is the case here.

- This prophecy began to be fulfilled with the advent of Christ, his incarnation, and redemptive work on earth (Luke 2:25-40).
- And Isaiah’s prophecy here will have its ultimate fulfilment at the glorious second advent of Christ in the resurrection day (Titus 2:13; Romans 8:22-23).
- But this prophecy is fulfilled in the experience of God’s elect now.

This is what a sinner experiences and confesses when Christ is revealed in his heart. — “**Lo, this is our God!**” — Who is He?

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- The Eternal Christ. — Eternal God! — Eternal Son! — Eternal Surety! — Eternal Lamb! — Eternal Savior! — Eternal Word!
- The Incarnate Christ.
- The Redeeming Christ.
- The Reigning Christ.

“We have waited for him” (Lamentations 3:25-26).

(Lamentations 3:25-26) “The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him. ²⁶ *It is* good that *a man* should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.”

To wait for him is to seek him. To seek him is...

- To feel your need of him.
- To earnestly desire him.
- To search for him in his Word, in his house, in prayer.
- To find him.

Illustration: *The Farmer Who Lost His Wallet*

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“He will save us!”

- From the curse of the law.
- From spiritual death.
- From the prison of condemnation.
- From the fear of death.
- From sin and all the consequences of sin.

“This is the Lord!” — Jesus Christ is Jehovah, our God. And we gladly bow to his dominion as Lord.

Illustration: *“What did Jesus mean when he said, ‘Whosoever loseth his life shall save it and whosoever saveth his life shall lose it?’”*

“We have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

- The Salvation he has Performed
- The Salvation he has Promised

(Psalm 40:1-5) “I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of

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the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings. ³ And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. ⁴ Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. ⁵ Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.”

And this experience of grace is, in a sense, repeated throughout the believer’s life.

- When God delivers you from some trial!
- When the Lord restores you from a fall!

Illustrations: *David*
Peter

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- When God brings a time of revival to your soul, when he revives our languishing souls (Song of Solomon 3:1-5).

(Song of Solomon 3:1-5) “By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. ² I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. ³ The watchmen that go about the city found me: *to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?* ⁴ *It was* but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother’s house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me. ⁵ I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.”

PLACE OF MERCY

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2nd — **Our text tells us the place from where mercy is dispensed.** — “*For in this mountain shall the hand of the Lord rest*” (v. 10).

“*This mountain,*” Mt. Zion, was in the Old Testament the peculiar place of God’s residence and favor. That does not mean that God was not everywhere. He was. And that does not mean that God could not be worshipped anywhere else. David worshipped him in the cave. But that mountain in Jerusalem was the place of blessing, the place of God’s favor. — **And that mountain was symbolic of the church and house of God.** — **The true Zion** (Hebrews 12:22). **This is the place of God’s rest. This is the place of blessing.**

- His Word is here.
- His ordinances are here.
- His Praise is Here (Psalms 137:1; 122:1)
- His people are here.
- He is here!
- The hand of the Lord is stretched out upon this place to bless us (Numbers 6:24-26).

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- The hand of the Lord is stretched out upon us to protect us.
- And the hand of the Lord rests here!

CHRIST'S SUCCESS

3rd — In verses 10 and 11, Isaiah prophesies of the certain success of Christ and his church by the Gospel. — That is the whole message of the Book of Revelation.

(Isaiah 25:10-11) “For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill. ¹¹ And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth *his hands* to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.”

The destruction of Moab was typical of Christ's victory over his enemies, of his spoiling the principalities and powers by his death (Colossians

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2:15), of his pulling down Satan's strongholds by the preaching of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 10:4), and of his reigning until he has made all his foes his footstool (Psalm 110:1).

This is what Isaiah is saying here. — Christ will be triumphant over you. And he will do so with the greatest ease. Like a swimmer parting the water with his hand and rising above it, so Christ and his Gospel go through the world, conquering and to conquer. — Christ will conquer you

- Either by His Grace.
- Or by His Wrath.
- But you will bow to him.

(Isaiah 45:20-25) “Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save. ²¹ Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *Who* hath told it from that time? *Have* not I the LORD?”

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And **there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour**; *there is none beside me.* ²² Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for **I am God, and there is none else**. ²³ I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in righteousness*, and shall not return, That **unto me every knee shall bow**, every tongue shall swear. ²⁴ **Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed**. ²⁵ **In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.**”

Christ cannot fail! God cannot fail! The Gospel cannot fail (2 Corinthians 2:15-17). Christ will reign over all things forever. — With God failure is an possibility! — Then, in the end, he will come in his glory! And in that day we shall say...

“Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the LORD; we have

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waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Amen.