

A Trek Through Isaiah 84 - 61:10 - 62:7

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<u>The Work Accomplished 59:14 - 63:6</u>
Situation and remedy: the promised Conqueror 59:14-21
The universal city 60:1-22
The Anointed One and His transforming work 61:1-11
The Anointed One and His gathered people 62:1-12
Consummation of the work 63:1-6

- In the book of the Conqueror (56 - 66)
 - Question: How will God's people fulfill their promise?
 - Three areas of emphasis
 - The contrast between the ideal community and the actual community
 - God's glorious promises for the faithful.
 - A Conqueror: the third messianic figure who accomplishes God's purpose and fulfills His promises.
- The Work Accomplished 59:14 - 63:6
 - God's purposes accomplished.
- Today:
 - The Anointed One and His transforming work (part 2) 61:10-11
 - The Anointed One and His gathered people (part 1) 62:1-7
- 61:1-11 The Anointed One and His transforming work
 - V1-4 First testimony of the Anointed One
 - V1a His preparation

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me

 - V1b-3a His task

1 ...he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives

 - V3b-4 His results: transformation

3 ...that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

 - V 5-11 Transformation elaborated
 - V6b-7 Recompense and reversal

6 ...you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.

 - V8-9 Divine justice and covenant

8 For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong;

■ V10-11 Joy in salvation

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

● V10 Zion's Joy

○ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God,

■ I. Zion speaking

■ Will greatly rejoice. Emphatic: "rejoicing I will rejoice"

■ In the Lord...in my God. The basis of their joy as true believers.

○ For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

■ For. The first reason for their joy

■ he has clothed me with the garments of salvation

● The gift of salvation.

● What man requires

■ he has covered me with the robe of righteousness

● The gift of righteousness

● What God requires

● As Gen 3:21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

■ As Zech 3:1-5

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. 4 And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by.

● In a court of law

● Satan accusing truthfully

● The LORD rebukes Satan.

● Jerusalem is His chosen one.

● Joshua's iniquity is taken away; his filthy garments are replaced by pure vestments and a clean turban.

● Implied is the work of the Messiah in paying the penalty of sin.

- as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
 - A picture of the church being dressed in salvation and righteousness.
 - Headdress. Re v3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes

- V11 A certain result
 - For
 - The second reason for Zion's joy.
 - as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
 - Picture of the new growth which comes every spring.
 - In view is the certainty of the yearly cycle.
 - As God said after the flood in Gen 8:22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.
 - so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up
 - Likewise it is certain that righteousness and praise will spring up from the work of the Anointed One.
 - The sovereign Lord will bring this about.
 - Righteousness. What God gives.
 - Praise. The response of the recipients.
 - before all the nations.
 - To be seen by all the world.

- 62:1-12 The Savior and His gathered people
 - 62:1 Second testimony of the Anointed One: commitment to the work
- 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.
- The Anointed One speaking
 - For Zion's sake ... for Jerusalem's sake
 - Here is His commitment to Zion.
 - I will not keep silent,
 - Refers to speech.
 - Preaching and prayer.
 - I will not be quiet,
 - Refers to action
 - her righteousness ... her salvation
 - Here is His goal: Zion's righteousness and salvation
 - Won by the Anointed One. Is 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
 - brightness...burning torch
 - Light in the darkness.

○ 62:2-3 Glorious outcome

2 The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

■ V2 witness to the nations

- The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory,

○ The nations shall see.

■ Attentively take note of

- As Is 60:1-3 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

■ V2 A new name

- and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.
 - New name = new nature
 - Regenerated by the Lord
 - As Jesus speaking to the church of Philadelphia in Rev 3:12 The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.

■ V3 A crown

- You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
 - Signs of royalty
 - Witness to the nations that God is the King of all.
 - King Frederick the Great once asked his physician Zimmermann of Brugg-in-Aargau, 'Zimmermann, can you name me a single proof of the existence of God?' The physician replied, 'Your majesty, the Jews.'" From *Do the Jews Prove God's Existence?* in *The Bully Pulpit* by J. R. Benjamin, Apr 23, 2015.

- 62:4-5 Joy in transformed Zion

4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

■ V4 Transformation

- Meaning shown by parallels
- What Zion was
 - Forsaken. Not wanted.
 - Desolate. Not married. In Jewish culture: no standing.
- What Zion will be
 - Delighting the Lord
 - Married

■ V5 Marriage and delight

- For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you,
 - Picture of marriage: vows of commitment, tender feelings for each other.
 - Zion's sons will vow to love her and they will cherish her.
 - As Is 60:4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you;
- as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.
 - As v4 ...the LORD delights in you
- As Eph 5:25-27 ... as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.
- As Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

- 62:6-7 A company of intercessors

6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, 7 and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

- On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen;
 - Watchmen.
 - People (because they put the LORD in remembrance)
 - Maybe prophets or saints
 - As 2 Pet 3:12 ...waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God
- all the day and all the night they shall never be silent
 - Praying continuously
- You who put the Lord in remembrance,
 - Praying the promises
- take no rest, and give him no rest
 - Praying persistently
- until he establishes Jerusalem
 - The new Zion
 - As promised
- and makes it a praise in the earth.
 - A praise. Something that is a blessing.
 - Fulfilling the promise to Abraham Gen 12:3 ...and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Discussion

We will break into three groups for discussion. The questions are

- 1. Joy in salvation 61:10**
 - a. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord**
 - b. He has clothed me with garments of salvation**
 - c. He has covered me with the robe of righteousness**
- 2. I will not keep silent; I will not be quiet 62:1-3**
 - a. Not stop speaking**
 - b. Not stop working**
 - c. The nations will see your righteousness and glory**
- 3. Watchmen on the walls 62:6-7**
 - a. All day and all night**
 - b. Take no rest**
 - c. Putting the Lord in remembrance**
 - d. Giving Him no rest**

Remember to worship the Lord: (1) See (2) Know (3) Respond

For next week:

- The Savior and His gathered people (part 2) 62:8-12
- Consummation of the work 63:1-6

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