

A Trek Through Isaiah 07 - Is 4:2-6

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Prayer

Introduction (to 9:35)

For today

- 4:2-6 The Day of the Lord

No longer walk as the Gentiles do (to 9:42)

Elements of worship: (1) See (2) Know (3) Respond

Eph 4:17-19 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God **because of the ignorance that is in them**, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

- the ignorance that is in them
 - a. What is ignorance?
 - Rom 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools...
 - Two aspects
 - Claiming to be wise
 - Actually foolish
 - b. Paul is an example
 - 1Ti 1:12-14 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, (13) though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief...
 - Paul knew who Jesus was: a blasphemer who had claimed to be the Son of God. He was extremely zealous persecuting the church: a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. Here is ignorance.
 - Then he met Jesus
 - Act 9:4-5 And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (5) And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
 - He came to know Jesus as Lord. He became a changed man: same zeal, now in service to His Lord.
 - c. Avoid ignorance by obedience
 - Eph 5:8-10 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (9) (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), (10) and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.
 - Eph 5:13-14 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."
 - We walk in light.
 - We discern what is pleasing to the Lord.
 - Everything we see gives us more light.
 - It's like waking up from sleep

4:2-6 The Day of the Lord (to 10:00)

Conclusion of this section of the prophecy.

- In that day. A day of both judgment & salvation.
- HENRY: just when it appears that all is hopeless.

V2 The Messiah

Isa 4:2 In that day the branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and honor of the survivors of Israel.

Branch of the Lord.

- Messianic title. Divine ancestry. Earliest usage.
 - Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
 - Jeremiah 33:15-16 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 ...And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'
 - Note the gospel reference.
 - Zechariah 6:12-13 And say to him, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord. 13 It is he who shall build the temple of the Lord and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne.

fruit of the land.

- Messiah's human origin.
 - Is 53:2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;
- HENRY sees the fruit as the results of the gospel, so that the church/saints are pride and honor to the believer.

beautiful and glorious.

- To believers.

pride and honor.

- From Messiah in contrast to from worldly things or from themselves.
- As David Ps 16:2-3 Oh my soul you have said to Yahweh, "You are my Lord. I have no good apart from you." 3 With regard to the saints who are in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my desire.
 - Both the Lord and the church are in view here. But the church is from the Lord.

V3 the remnant

Isa 4:3 And he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem,

Left...remains.

- Those left in Jerusalem & Judah after the Tribulation.

Called holy.

- Given the righteousness of Christ
 - Ro 3:21-24 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Written.

- Elected.
 - Rev 21:27 And every unclean thing and one who practices detestable things and falsehood will never enter into it, except those who are written in the book of life of the Lamb.
 - All have sinned
 - God chose some to be saved.
 - Not on their merits but according to His will.

V4 cleansing

Isa 4:4 when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning.

Daughters of Zion.

- The women personifying the spirit of the city.

Filth.

- Internal.

Bloodstains.

- External.
- Contrast the beauty that the women of Jerusalem thought they had.
 - Proverbs 30:12 There are those who are clean in their own eyes but are not washed of their filth.

Spirit of judgment & burning.

- Action of the HS.
 - Zech 4:6...Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.
- HENRY the HS works both on sinners and on those who will be instruments in the cleansing.
Spirit of judgment: discerning right from wrong. Spirit of burning: quickening to life.
 - Ph 2:16-17 ...for it is God who works in you to will and to work according to His good pleasure.

V5-6 creation

Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory there will be a canopy. 6 There will be a booth for shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

Creation

- Heb 12:54 Bara to create. Divine creation. As in Gen 1:1.
- Once the filth is washed away.

Presence (a cloud by day, and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night)

- Of the LORD with His people
 - Ex 13:21-32 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. 22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.
 - CALVIN: not a literal cloud/fire but just as complete and magnificent.

Protection

- Canopy. Heb: huppah canopy over the marriage ceremony.
- Booth. Every possible protection at all times.
 - Psalm 121 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
2 My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
...
5 The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
8 The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Application

- Consider what the Lord is doing
 - All of us had sinned. Our speech and our deeds were against the Lord, defying his glorious presence ... Woe to us! For we had brought evil on ourselves. We had forsaken the Lord, we had despised the Holy One of Israel, we were utterly estranged.
 - Therefore the Lord declared, the Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel:
“Ah, I will get relief from my enemies and avenge myself on my foes. I will turn my hand against you”.
 - But He did not destroy. Instead He will smelt away our dross as with lye and remove all our alloy. We shall be redeemed by justice, and those who repent, by righteousness.
 - He says, “Come now, let us reason together; though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
 - He will wash away our filth and cleanse the bloodstains from our midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning. And we will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life.
 - Then the Lord will be with His people, just as when He led them out of Egypt with a cloud by day, and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night.
 - There will be shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain. And we will dwell secure with Him forever.
- Do we see Him as beautiful and glorious?
 - Listen to the bride in Song 5:10,16 My beloved is radiant and ruddy, distinguished among ten thousand...he is altogether desirable. This is my beloved and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

 - I love you, Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
Oh, my soul, rejoice!

Take joy my King
In what You hear
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear

Worship (to 10:15)

1. We will break into three groups to discuss today's passage. Join the group with the topic that seems most significant. Must be at least three people in each group. Select one person to scribe.
2. In your group, discuss your passage and identify
 - Something about God that you see in the passage
 - The effect that this view of God has upon you.
 - A way to respond to what you have seen and come to know.
3. Each group will report to the class what they found.

Caution: Please focus on personal effects and responses.

- 2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves....

For next week: Is 5:1-30

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