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God is My Salvation – Isaiah

83. The Armor of God – Isaiah 59:14-21

Introduction:

Isaiah 1-37 = The King; Isaiah 38-55 = The Servant; Isaiah 56-66 = The Anointed

In Isaiah 59:14-63:6 we are presented with the Coming Conqueror, Christ! These chapters are summed up as, “The Lord looked, saw, was appalled, put on righteousness, salvation, and vengeance.” The Lord’s people, world-wide, are threatened, oppressed, and harassed by opponents and defeated by sin, so He sets Himself to the task of their salvation and vengeance upon their enemies.

Isaiah 59:14-21 – The Preface in Poem (4 stanzas and a conclusion)

- I. The Situation – Moral Collapse – vs. 14-15b
  - A. Moral Absolutes have Disappeared – Amos 5:13
    1. Justice and Righteousness – moral practice/living that comes from moral principles/convictions
    2. Truth – integrity, faithfulness, trust – collapsed
    3. Equity – straightforwardness, honesty – nowhere to be found
  - B. Individual Morality is Under Attack
    1. Truth fails – faithfulness is lacking
    2. The one who shuns evil makes himself a target – Psa. 37:32
- II. The Divine Response – Horror and Commitment – vs. 15c-16
  - A. The Lord Saw
    1. God shows us what He sees
    2. It displeased Him that there was no justice
    3. It was “evil in His eyes” – 2 Chron. 29:6
  - B. What Did He See and Commit to Do?
    1. There is no man to intercede, no intercessor – to stand between the people and the consequences of their moral collapse
    2. Therefore His own arm brought salvation – His strength, His doing, His power, His resources – John 1:12-13
    3. His own righteousness sustained Him in this work of deliverance – His unchanging character whereby He must be true to what He is and faithful to what He has promised
      - a. We are unrighteous – Rom. 3:10-18
      - b. We have no one to intercede – Prov. 28:9
      - c. Salvation is all of the Lord – Psa. 37:39; 68:20; Jer. 3:23; Jonah 2:9b
- III. The Divine Actions – Salvation and Vengeance – vs. 17-18
  - A. The Lord’s Armor – Clothed for the Task
    1. Clothing is usually a metaphor for character (put on/put off/cloth yourself)
      - a. The Lord reveals what He is and what He will do – He will display His righteousness, save His people, repay His enemies, and be carried through to the completion of this work by His zeal
      - b. Righteousness as a breastplate
      - c. Salvation as a helmet
      - d. Vengeance as a garment
      - e. Zeal as a cloak
    2. Imitate God as dear children – Ephesians 5:1-7
      - a. Walk in Light – Eph. 5:8-14
      - b. Walk in Wisdom – Eph. 5:15-21

- c. Walk in Marriage – Eph. 5:22-33
    - d. Walk in Family Life – Eph. 6:1-4
    - e. Walk at Work – Eph. 6:5-9
    - f. Finally or firstly, before you walk, stand – dress like Him – Eph. 6:10-20
  - B. Vengeance – Rom. 12:19; 2 Thess. 1:3-10
    - 1. Wrath according to what they have done – Rev. 20:12
    - 2. Retribution to earth's remotest places – nowhere to hide
- IV. The New Situation – The Redeemer in Zion – vs. 19-20
  - A. The Redeemer in Zion Works Around the World
    - 1. Fear
    - 2. Glory
    - 3. Deliverance
    - 4. A Flood
      - a. “When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.” (KJV, NKJV)
      - b. “For he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the Lord drives” (ESV, NASB)
  - B. The Redeemer and Those Who Repent – Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:16
    - 1. First to Zion
    - 2. Then to the World
- V. The New Covenant – vs. 21
  - A. My Covenant with Them (plural) – Heb. 8:7-13; Isa. 55:3
  - B. My Spirit upon You (singular) – Isa. 61:1
  - C. My Words in Your Mouth (singular) – John 14:10, 24
    - 1. Through the Servant the people enter blessings, restoration, and peace – Isa. 49:8; 54:10
    - 2. World-Wide Effects – Isa. 42:6
    - 3. To Endless Generations – Isa. 53:10; Gen. 22:18; Gen. 3:15

## **Cross References:**

### **Amos 5:13**

Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, for it is an evil time.

### **Psalm 37:32**

The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him.

### **2 Chronicles 29:6**

For our fathers have trespassed and done evil in the eyes of the Lord our God; they have forsaken Him, have turned their faces away from the dwelling place of the Lord, and turned their backs on Him.

### **John 1:12-13**

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

### **Romans 3:10-18**

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." 13 "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; 14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways; 17 And the way of peace they have not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

### **Proverbs 28:9**

One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.

### **Psalm 37:39**

But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble.

### **Psalm 68:20**

Our God is the God of salvation; and to God the Lord belong escapes from death.

### **Jeremiah 3:23**

Truly, in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; truly, in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel.

### **Jonah 2:9 (b)**

Salvation is of the Lord.

## **Ephesians 5:1-2**

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

## **Ephesians 6:10-20**

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

## **Romans 12:19**

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

## **2 Thessalonians 1:3-10**

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, 4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, 5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; 6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

## **Revelation 20:12**

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

## **Acts 1:8**

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

### **Romans 1:16**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

### **Hebrews 8:7-13**

For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 8 Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 9 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 11 None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” 13 In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

### **Isaiah 55:3**

Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David.

### **Isaiah 61:1**

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

### **John 14:10, 24**

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

### **Isaiah 49:8**

Thus says the Lord: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You as a covenant to the people, to restore the earth, to cause them to inherit the desolate heritages;

### **Isaiah 54:10**

For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has mercy on you.

**Isaiah 42:6**

“I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles,

**Isaiah 53:10**

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

**Genesis 22:18**

In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

**Genesis 3:15**

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”