

Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: The Branch of the LORD"

Text: Isaiah 11:1-16

Theme: The Messiah will be a signal for the nations. The real exiles of the earth will be gathered to Christ by faith in a world-wide gathering.

Israel's Present Sinfulness and Future Glory (Chapters 1-6)

1. God's Indictment (1:1-20)
2. God Will Reclaim Israel (1:21-31)
3. The Glorious Future (2:1-4)
4. Israel's Present Sinfulness (2:5-4:1)
5. The Glory of the LORD's Messiah (4:2-6)
6. God's Vineyard Is Spoiled (5:1-7)
7. God's Judgment on a Sinful Society (5:8-30)
8. Triumph of God's Grace (6:1-13)

Promise of the Messiah (Chapters 7-12)

1. The Sign of Immanuel (7:1-17)
2. Israel Oppressed by Assyria (7:18-25)
3. Isaiah's Son as a Precursor (8:1-10)
4. Trust the LORD Not Man (8:11-22)
5. The Child to Be Born (9:1-7)
6. Judgment on Israel's Pride (9:8-10:4)
7. God's Purpose for Assyrian Aggression (10:5-19)
8. Those Who Will Survive (10:20-34)
9. The Branch of the LORD (11:1-16)
10. A Song of Praise (12:1-6)

I. The _____ (11:1-10)

II. A _____ - _____ Remnant (11-16)

III. Applications

A. If you _____ Christ, you miss the _____. If you miss Christ and the Gospel, you miss _____.

B. The only _____ and avenue of true _____ and _____ is in the _____ of Jesus Christ.

C. The Gospel brings about the _____ as _____ of people are brought into the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ by _____ faith and allegiance to Him and by receiving His _____ of the covenant.

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

1. Isaiah prophesies about a particular person in chapter 11. What two figures does he employ to speak about this person (v. 1)?
2. What is this person's ancestry (v. 1a)?
3. What will this person do (v. 1b)?
4. How will he live and accomplish his goals (v. 2)?
5. What will characterize this person's leadership (vv. 3-5)?
6. How will conditions be during his reign (vv. 6-9)?
7. How far will his reign extend (v. 10)?
8. What will the LORD do a second time for His people (vv. 11-12)?
9. What will happen with Israel at this time (v. 13)?
10. How will other nations relate to God's people (v. 14)?
11. How far-ranging will the new exodus be (vv. 15-16)?
12. How is the good news that God will save the world and reconstitute a world-wide people for Himself obscured or missed by people today?
13. How is Jesus often misidentified?
14. Why do you think God uses the figures of a "stump" and a "branch" to picture His Messiah?
15. What does it mean to be poor and oppressed?
16. Why should Christians care about justice for the poor and oppressed?
17. Do you think that the idea of justice for the poor and oppressed is frequently imbalanced? If so, how?
18. How is God gathering His world-wide remnant today?
19. In what New Testament passages do you specifically read about the gathering of the Gentiles into the Body of Christ?
20. How are you a participant and an agent in the world-wide gathering of God's people?