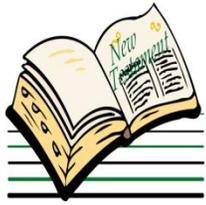


Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: Redemption"

Text: Isaiah 35:1-10

Theme: No one enters heaven, the heavenly Zion, apart from the work of Christ on the cross and confessing it as his or her own. Christ reclaims. Christ redeems. Christ makes the desert of your heart to blossom into a garden.

I. Encouragement in the Promise of a _____ World
(1-4)

II. Personal and Supernatural _____ (5-7)

III. Anticipation of a Return to a Life of _____ and
_____ that Never _____ (8-10)

IV. Applications

A. Your salvation involves a _____ dimension - the
_____ of the earth through the preaching of
the Gospel of _____.

B. The _____ is the _____
of this renewal-redemption.

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

1. What is a “wilderness” and a “desert” (v. 1a)?
2. What is to happen to these places (v. 2)?
3. What places in the Middle East were famous for their lushness and their beauty (v. 2b)?
4. What is the *real* beauty and glory that will be perceived (v. 2c)?
5. How does Isaiah represent the aspect of personal restoration in this overall transformation (vv. 5-6a)?
6. What further description is given of the changes in the wilderness and the desert (vv. 6b-7)?
7. There is a prominent structure that will be present in this transformed wilderness. What is it? What is it called? What does it signify (v. 8a)?
8. Who travels on this road (v. 8b-9)?
9. Who returns to Zion (v. 10a)?
10. How are they described (v. 10b)?
11. What does “redemption” mean? What is an essential ingredient of redemption?
12. What rituals or actions taught the people of Israel about redemption?
13. Who needs redemption? Why?
14. How are people spiritually redeemed?
15. Are the descriptions of the wilderness and the desert blooming in chapter 35 merely figurative expressions that signify spiritual salvation or is there a material aspect to these descriptions?
16. How is the Gospel able to lead to world transformation?
17. How does the Gospel enable us to be “color-blind” with respect to how we treat other people? How does this contribute to transformation?
18. Is a renewed and transformed world something we should be concerned about?