

***For Zion's Sake – The Restoration of the City of God and All Creation
Through the Salvation of the Lord
Isaiah 55-66; Psalm 132***

I. Overview

Invitation to Reconciliation and Promise of Restoration: Isaiah 55-56

Judgment and Hope: Isaiah 57

Future Recovery (Through True Righteousness): Isaiah 58:1 – 59:21

The Restoration/Resurrection of Zion: Isaiah 60:1-22

Future Recovery (Through the Gospel and the Anointed): Isaiah 60:1 – 62:9

Judgment and Hope: Isaiah 62:10- 64:12

Invitation to Reconciliation and Promise of New Creation: Isaiah 65:1 – 66:24

II. The Invitation of Grace – Isaiah 55 – 57

A. Free Grace – 55:1-2

B. Covenant Grace – 55:3-5 (Amos 9/Acts 15: the restoration of David's Tabernacle is the "new covenant structure" that signals the inclusion of the Gentiles into the people of God).

1. One Offering for Sin

2. Open Access

3. Musical "Revolution"

4. On Zion

- The Covenant with David – Psalm 89 – he will have world dominion and an everlasting throne. Note: Acts 2:32 ff.

C. Abundant Grace (for the Repentant, Because God's King is reigning) – Isaiah 55:6-7

D. The Grace of Revelation (Necessary for Real Knowledge and Wisdom) – Isaiah 55:8-11

● Incarnation – John 1:1-14

● God, to be known by his creatures, must make himself known – we are fallible, finite, and fallen.

● From Curse (thorns) to Blessing (Cypress and myrtle) – Isaiah 55:12-13

E. Grace that Gathers – Isaiah 56:6-8

1. The Gentiles

2. The Outcasts of Israel

F. Grace that Revives (Judgment on Idols and the Revival of the People) – Isaiah 57:11 ff

1. "Prepare the Way!"

2. The Presence of the God – Holy and Lowly

3. The Discipline of the Lord

4. Peace to the far and near – Ephesians 2:11 ff.

III. Recovery and Repentance

- A. God's Chosen Fast – Isaiah 58:8 ff
 - 1. Jesus – “When,” not “If” you fast.
 - 2. Paul – “In fastings often...”
 - to deny oneself and give away to others. Result: a) guidance; b) satisfaction; c) fruitfulness; d) recovery of the ancient and restoration of that which is lost.
- B. Repentance – Isaiah 59
 - 1. God's hand short? God's ear dull? No!
 - 2. Sin: darkness and blindness (This is “Israel” living like Egypt under the plague of darkness; Egypt worshiped the Son God – among others! Now the people who had light in the darkness and were called to be light in the darkness are themselves in blind darkness – until the One who is “Light” comes to open their eyes: John 1, 8-9)
 - 3. Why? “Truth” has stumbled in the market.
- C. The Redeemer Shall Come to Zion: 59:20
- D. The Promise of Covenant Succession – what God is doing NOW is never just for NOW, but for generations to come.