

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 136

Isaiah Chapter 51:1 – 52:12

Outline of Isaiah 51:1-52:12

Section	Message
51:1-8	Listen to Me – My salvation shall be forever.
51:9-16	The LORD your Maker will soon free the exile.
51:17-23	The LORD your God contends for His people.
52:1-6	My people shall know My name.
52:7-12	The LORD has bared His holy arm.

Using this outline as a guide, let's read this proclamation of salvation again: **Isaiah 51:1-52:12.**

References to the end times appear throughout this section, including :

Verses	indication
51:3	The wilderness will be made like Eden. The Lord will reverse the curse of Genesis 3:17-19 .
51:6,8	The sky will vanish like smoke and the earth will wear out like a garment. But My salvation, righteousness, and justice will be forever.
51:11	Everlasting joy. This same passage is found in Isaiah 35:10 which describes the Messianic Kingdom.
51:22	You will never drink the chalice of the Lord's anger again.
52:1	The uncircumcised and unclean will no more come into you (See also Isaiah 35:8).

Verse-by-verse

Verses 1-8: The Lord speaks to the remnant of Israel. He comforts His people with an announcement of salvation and righteousness which will be for all people everywhere.

Verses	Command	Addressed to
51:1-3	“Listen to Me”	You who pursue righteousness
51:4-6	“Pay attention to Me”	My people
51:7-8	“Listen to Me”	You who know righteousness

Verses 1-3: The people who pursue righteousness are exhorted to “listen”, “look”, and “look” again.

They are to look back to Abraham and Sarah. The Lord took one man, Abraham, and fulfilled His promise to make him the father of many nations. **Genesis 15:4-6; 17:3-6; 22:17-18; Romans 4:16-21; Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19.**

In the same way, the Lord will fulfill His promises to the remnant of Israel. He will transform their ruined land into the garden of Eden. See **Genesis 2:8,10; Isaiah 35:1-2.** This goes way beyond bringing the remnant of Jews back to Jerusalem after they are freed from Babylon. The Lord is talking about what He will do for Israel in the end times.

Then the people will have joy that will never end. **Isaiah 65:17-25.**

Verses 4-6: Next, the Lord asks His people to listen to Him as He tells them about His righteousness and justice. He describes things that the Servant will do in the future. See **Psalm 102:25-28; Matthew 24:35; Hebrews 1:6-12; 2 Peter 3:10-13.**

Verses 7-8: The Lord tells His people not to fear any man. Man is but a vapor. He is like the grass of the field: here today, gone tomorrow. But the righteousness of God endures forever.

Let's read Psalm **37**. It speaks to us in our circumstances also.