

Sunday School Lesson

June 12, 2022

God Foretells Redemption

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Isaiah 49:1-11

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Question for Us Today

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How do we respond when we hear what the Lord requires us to do?

Sunday School Lesson Objectives

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- 1. To better understand the Book of Isaiah and the Major Prophet for whom it is named.**
- 2. To better understand the concept of the Suffering Servant.**

Sunday School Lesson Segments

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1. Isaiah: Points of Information

2. Isaiah: Words to Remember

3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

Points of Information – Isaiah

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- Isaiah (the son of Amoz, not the Prophet Amos) was a great and Major Prophet, whose ministry spanned around 60 years and five kings. Isaiah's name means "The Lord is salvation."**
- Isaiah is quoted over 60 times in the New Testament) including by Christ Jesus) and mentioned by name over 20 times.**

Points of Information – Isaiah

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- **When Jesus was handed the Scriptures, during a return to the temple in Nazareth, He was given the Book of Isaiah. Our Savior opened it, read from Isaiah 61:1-2 and proclaimed that He – the Messiah – was the fulfillment of that Scripture. This episode is told in Luke 4:16-21.**
- **The Gospel of Matthew says that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Servant message by quoting Isaiah 42:1-4.**

Points of Information – Isaiah

- The Book of Isaiah is sometimes called the “Bible in Miniature.” This is (partially) because this Book has 66 Chapters and Our Bible has 66 Books.**
- Our Bible has 39 Books in the Old Testament and 27 Books in the New Testament.**
- Isaiah has 39 Chapters regarding the Law, government and judgment of God and 27 Chapters about the grace and salvation of the Lord.**

Points of Information – Isaiah

- **Contemporaries of Isaiah included Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh and the Prophets Hosea and Micah.**
- **Isaiah was married to a prophetess and they had two sons. Isaiah 7:3; 8:3.**

Points of Information – Isaiah

- Many sermons have referred to the Call which begins in Isaiah 6:1: "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon the Throne."
- The Lord issued the call: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
- Isaiah responded: "Here am I. Send me!" This has been called the "Temple Vision of Isaiah." Isaiah 6:1-8. NRSV

Points of Information – Isaiah

- Numerous sections of Isaiah foretell the Coming of the Messiah.**
- See Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 40:1-5; 42:1-2, 6, 13; 43:1-11; 53:3-12.**
- As a result, Isaiah has been called the "Christ-Harbinger," the "Messianic Prophet" or the "Fifth Evangelist."**

Isaiah

Words to Remember

1. **2:4** They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
2. **6:1** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon the throne.
3. **6:8** I heard the Voice of the Lord saying: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then, said I: "Here I am, send me."
4. **7:14** Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Emmanuel.
5. **9:6** For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. And, the government shall be upon His shoulder. And, His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah

Words to Remember

6. 11:6 A little child shall lead them.

7. 40:1, 2a, 3-5 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto them that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert, a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain. And, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

8. 40:11 He shall feed His flock like a shepherd.

Isaiah

Words to Remember

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9. 40:31 They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. And, they shall walk and not faint.
10. 41:10 Fear not, I am with Thee. Be not dismayed. For, I am thy God. I will strengthen thee. Yea, I will help thee. Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of righteousness. [In the hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"].
11. 45:23b Unto me, every knee shall bow, every tongue shall [confess].
12. 54:17 No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper.

Isaiah

Words to Remember

13. 55:6 Seek ye the Lord, while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near.

14. 55:8 My thoughts are not your thoughts. Neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord.

15. 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach.

16. 66:1 The heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool.

Isaiah

One More Word Regarding the Suffering Servant

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17. 53:3-6 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief... Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows... But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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Context

Today's lesson contains the second of four **Servant Songs** (also called "**Servant Poems**") in the Book of Isaiah:

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1. Isaiah 42:1-9.
2. Isaiah 49:1-7.
3. Isaiah 50:4-11.
4. Isaiah 52:13—53:12.

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Context

In last week's lesson, the Prophet Isaiah predicted the punishment of Babylon.

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In today's lesson, the Prophet Isaiah tells the people how the Lord – through His Servant (the "Suffering Servant") -- will save and redeem the Israelites and the Gentiles.

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Text

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Isaiah 49:1-11

- 1. The Servant's Call and Mission: Verses 1-7.**
- 2. The Servant Saves [Redeems] and Restores: Verses 8-11.**

Isaiah 49:1 (NLT)

Listen to me, all you in distant lands! Pay attention you who are far away! The Lord called me before my birth; from within the womb He called me by name.

Isaiah 49:2-3

He made my words of judgment as sharp as a sword. He has hidden me in the shadow of His hand. I am like a sharp arrow in His quiver.

He said to me, "You are My servant, Israel, and you will bring Me glory."

Isaiah 49:4

I replied, "But my work seems so useless! I have spent My strength for nothing and to no purpose. Yet I leave it all in the Lord's hand; I will trust God for my reward."

Isaiah 49:5-6

And now the Lord speaks – the One who formed me in my mother's womb to be His servant, who commissioned me to bring Israel back to Him. The Lord has honored me, and my God has given me strength.

He says, "You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring My salvation to the ends of the earth."

Isaiah 49:7

The Lord, the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel, says to the one who is despised and rejected by the nations, to the one who is the servant of rulers: "Kings will stand at attention when you pass by. Princes will also bow low because of the Lord, the Faithful One, the Holy One of Israel, Who has chosen you."

Isaiah 49:8

This is what the Lord says: "At just the right time, I will respond to you. On the day of salvation I will help you. I will protect you and give you to the people as My covenant with them. Through you I will reestablish the land of Israel and assign it to its own people again."

Isaiah 49:9

I will say to the prisoners, 'Come out in freedom,' and to those in darkness, 'Come into the light.' They will be my sheep, grazing in green pastures and on hills that were previously bare.

Isaiah 49:10

They will neither hunger nor thirst. The searing sun will not reach them anymore. For the Lord in His mercy will lead them; He will lead them beside cool waters.

Isaiah 49:11

And I will make my mountains into level paths for them. The highways will be raised above the valleys.

Remember this:

**We should be faithful to Our Lord,
no matter what.**

**Our Heavenly Father always
keeps His promises.**

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