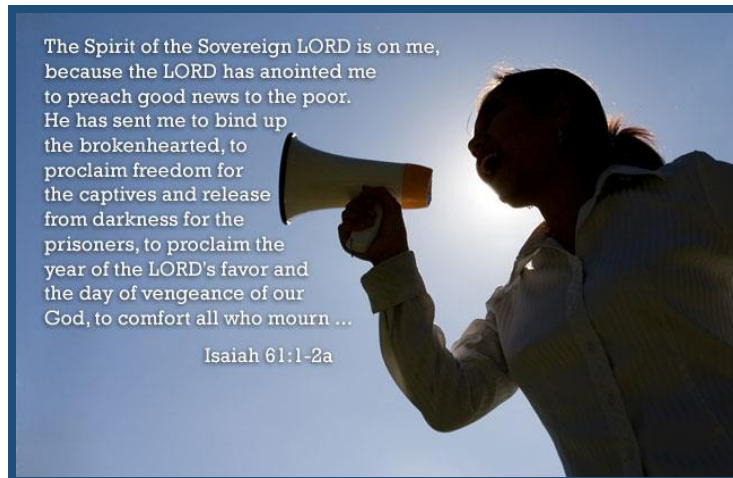


FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016
THEME: GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY SEEN PROPHETICALLY
UNIT ONE – HUMBLING OURSELVES BEFORE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD
“A SHOUT OF GOOD NEWS FOR ALL GOD’S PEOPLE!”



Sunday School Lesson No. IV– September 25, 2016
Presented by Rev. Frank A. Davis, III, Pastor-Teacher

Lesson Text: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Required Reading: Isaiah 60 – 62

Motto Text: Isaiah 61:8 (NLT), *“For I, the LORD, love justice. I hate robbery and wrongdoing. I will faithfully reward my people for their suffering and make an everlasting covenant with them.”*

Reliable Resources: Standard Lesson Commentary; Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Logos Bible Software; Preacher’s Commentary; Visualized Bible Notes (Tyndale/Willmington), Preaching from the Prophets (Dr. Kyle M. Yates)

INTRODUCTION

Beloved, there is nothing more memorable in my childhood than the anticipation of an upcoming holiday, i.e., birthday, Christmas, Thanksgiving, and even Fourth of July. Why? Because I knew our family would celebrate the holiday, and I was anticipating the good things that were coming!

In our lesson we have heard some serious and fearful things in past lessons concerning God’s dealings with His people Israel. He had great things planned for them and expressed it in Deuteronomy 28:1-14. But because of their disobedience and unfaithfulness, God had to hand down the darker side of midnight upon His covenant people. (Read Deuteronomy 28:15-65). But thank God for His mercy and amazing grace as expressed in the prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah and others.

The hope is expressed in our lesson this week from Isaiah 61 and a taste of Jeremiah 31. I call this lesson **“A Shout of Good News for All God’s People!”** This Good News is summarized in the motto text, Isaiah 61:8 (NLT), *“For I, the LORD, love justice. I hate robbery and wrongdoing. I will faithfully reward my people for their suffering and make an everlasting covenant with them.”*

Beloved, who can make an everlasting covenant, but God’s everlasting Servant, Messiah? According to Isaiah 49:5-7, He brings Light; Isaiah 11:1-9, He brings Peace; Isaiah 40:1-11, He brings Comfort; Isaiah 9:2-7, He brings Hope; and Isaiah 42:1-9, He brings Justice. Now let us turn our immediate attention to Isaiah 61 and hear **“A Shout of Good News for All God’s People!”**

Anticipated Power Points are:

- **The Good News of Messiah's First Advent. Isaiah 61:1-2a**
- **The Good News of Messiah's Second Advent. Isaiah 61:2b-4**
- **The Good News of Messiah's Everlasting Covenant. Isaiah 61:8-11**

LESSON OUTLINE

“A Shout of Good News for All God's People”

I. The Good News of Messiah's First Advent. Isaiah 61:1-2a

A. He is fully vested by the Godhead (The Trinity).

“Appointed by the Father and Anointed by the Holy Spirit.” Wilmington

B. He fulfills the references of Jubilee. Leviticus 25:8ff

C. Luke 4:16-21 references all who receive Him, to be saved and set free.

Today is the Day of Grace or the “Acceptable Year of the Lord.”

John MacArthur writes concerning the text: “...Jesus stopped reading in the synagogue (Luke 4:19), indicating that the subsequent writing in the rest of the chapter (vv. 3-11) awaited the second coming of Christ. ‘Day of Vengeance.’ As part of His deliverance of Israel, the Lord will pour out wrath on all who oppose Him (59:17-18). Cf. Rev. 6-19.”

II. The Good News of Messiah's Second Advent. Isaiah 61:2b-4

A. Messiah will replace the gloom with gladness after many centuries of sorrow!

1. Comfort for the oppressed. v. 2b
 2. Beauty for ashes. v. 3
 3. Anointing oil of joy for mourning. v. 3
 4. A wedding garment for a funeral garment. v. 3
 5. Planted trees of righteousness and not weeping as willows. v. 3
- (Read Psalm 1:3 versus Psalm. 137:1-4)

B. Messiah will oversee the rebuilding of Jerusalem. v. 4 (Read 58:12; 60:10)

(Read vv. 5-7 to recognize everything will be totally changed for the best for God's people.)

III. The Good News of Messiah's Everlasting Covenant. Isaiah 61:8-11

Praise the Lord for a total transformation in the life of Israel and all the world. God always keeps His Word! And because of His integrity, no matter how long it takes in time... “He's an on time God... Yes He is!”

Isaiah 55:3, *“Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.”* John MacArthur gives us these words concerning the Everlasting Covenant: “The New Covenant that God will give to Israel (54:8; 61:8; Jer. 31:31-34; Jer. 32:40; Jer. 50:5; Ezek. 16:10; Ezek. 37:26; Heb. 13:20) ‘sure mercies of David.’ The Davidic Covenant promised David that his seed would be ruler over Israel in an everlasting kingdom (II Sam. 7:8-16; Ps. 89:27-29). Paul connected the resurrection of Christ with this promise (Acts 13:34, *‘And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.’*) since it was an essential event in fulfilling this promise. If He had not fully satisfied God by His atoning death, He would not have risen; If He had not risen from the dead, He could not eventually sit on David's earthly throne. But He did rise and will fulfill the kingly role (55:4). Also Jer. 30:9; Ezek. 34:23-24; 37:24-25; Dan. 9:25; Hos. 3:5; Mic. 5:2. The whole world will come to Him as the great king. Isaiah 55:5, *‘Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.’”*

Praise God for a Shout of Good News for all God's People!

CLOSING

The hymnist wrote: *“All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall. Bringing forth the Royal Diadem, And crown Him Lord of all. Bringing forth the Royal Diadem, And crown Him Lord of all. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all! Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!”*



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Looking Ahead:

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Hebrews 1:1-9

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