

Isaiah Lesson – 12: Desire of Nations

This Week's Study: *Isaiah 59; 59:15-21; 60:1, 2; 61; 61:2.*

Memory Verse

Isaiah 60:3 (NKJV) *“The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising”*

The Effects of Sin (Isaiah 59) Sunday

Isaiah 59:2 *But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.*

- For several years I maintained two miles of phone line. If a gopher bit through the line or snow broke the line or a nail or water shorted the line I lost contact I would have to walk the line and restore connection. Half a millimeter of separation cut me off from the world.

Sin separates from God's presence, nothing from His love.

This separation was first initiated by man; Like a Pandemic

Genesis 3:8 *And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

2 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV) *Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.”*

“We must learn in the school of Christ. Nothing but His righteousness can entitle us to one of the blessings of the covenant of grace. We have long desired and tried to obtain these blessings but have not received them because we have cherished the idea that we could do something to make ourselves worthy of them. We have not looked away from ourselves, believing that Jesus is a living Saviour. We must not think that our own grace and merits will save us; the grace of Christ is our only hope of salvation. Through His prophet the Lord promises, ‘Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon’ (Isaiah 55:7). We must believe the naked promise, and not accept feeling for faith. When we trust God fully, when we rely upon the merits of Jesus as a sin-pardoning Saviour, we shall receive all the help that we can desire.” —Faith and Works, p. 36.

2nd. Angels message is one of separation.

Revelation 18:4 *voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.*

Romans 8:38–39 *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Who Is Forgiven? (Isa. 59:15-21) Monday

Isaiah 59:15–17 *So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice. ¹⁶ He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. For He put on **righteousness as a breastplate**, And a **helmet of salvation** on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak.*

Ephesians 6:13–17 (NKJV) *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the **helmet of salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*

Isaiah 59:18–19 *According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. ¹⁹ So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.*

Exodus 14:19–20 (NKJV) *And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. ²⁰ So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night. **Messiah Covenant***

Isaiah 59:20–21 (NKJV) *“The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” Says the Lord. ²¹ “As for Me,” says the Lord, “this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,” says the Lord, “from this time and forevermore.”*

Isaiah 49:8-10 *I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate*

heritages; That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

Romans 3:20–23 (NKJV) Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Universal Appeal (Isa. 60:1-3) Tuesday

Isaiah 60:1–3 (NKJV) Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

1 Thessalonians 5:2–9 (NKJV) For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.³ For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Amos 8:11–12 (NKJV) “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord God, “That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the Lord.¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, But shall not find it.

1 Samuel 28:6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

Genesis 12:2–3 (NKJV) I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

“The Year of the LORD’s Favor” (Isa. 61:2, NRSV) Wednesday

Isaiah 61:1–2 (NKJV) “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,

This is what you would call a dual prophecy. In one sense this describes the mission of Isaiah and every preacher. The effect of preaching the good news is to heal the brokenhearted and present liberty to the captives. But in the bigger sense it is talking about the mission and ministry of Jesus.

“The Day of Vengeance of Our God” (Isa. 61:2, NRSV) Thursday

Isaiah 61:2 (NKJV) To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

Luke 4:17–21 (NKJV) And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”²⁰ Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.²¹ And He began to say to them, “**Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**”

Leviticus 25:9 (NKJV) Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land.

Jesus deliberately and specifically avoided reading the next words in the same verse: “the day of vengeance of our God” Isaiah 61:2 (NRSV).

Luke 21:21–22 (NKJV) *Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.*²² For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.