

We will begin the fifteenth lecture on Isaiah. / Today we will begin with Isaiah chapter 61. / The title of this chapter is “The Year of the LORD’s Favor.” / A joyful year.

/First, the salvation ministry of Christ. / Verses 1-3. / Second, nations will be blessed through Christ. / Verses 4-9. / Third, God clothes believers with garments of salvation. / Verses 10-11.

/Read 61:1-2. / The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

/This speaks of the salvation ministry of Christ. / Jesus quoted this in Luke 4:21. / “The year of the LORD’s favor” is the period when Jesus would come and fulfill redemption. / This is the New Testament period.

/“The day of vengeance” is Jesus’ return when He would come to judge the world. / “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord” refers to the Holy Spirit. / This shows how Jesus will accomplish the salvation of people with the Holy Spirit.

/It says, “the LORD has anointed me.” / “Anointed me” refers to Christ’s anointment. / Christ has three positions. / Prophet, Priest, and King. / This is why Jesus is anointed as Christ.

/He is our Redeemer. / He proclaimed the good news to the poor. / It means that the gospel of Christ would first be preached to the poor and the humble.

/Blessed are the poor in spirit. / Even if someone is wealthy in the world, he can believe in Jesus and be saved if he is poor in spirit. / It also says, “bind up the brokenhearted.”

/Jesus will bind up and heal our broken hearts. / He will bind up the penitent and repentant spirits. / He will give freedom to the captives.

/He will release prisoners from darkness. / He will free those who are enslaved to sin. / He

will free those who are slaves of Satan.

/This means that God will give spiritual liberation and freedom through Christ. / John 8:34. / All man are sinners. / However, Jesus came down and liberated us from sin. / Revelation 1:5

/Some mistaken new theologians claim that this freedom is one that is political. / Yet, the Bible clearly says that Jesus frees us from sin.

/Verse 3. / and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

/"Zion" symbolizes the spiritual Jerusalem. / It refers to the world of salvation. / Jesus saves those who live in sin. / Then there is joy, contentment, and peace, and sadness and agony go away.

/"Oaks of righteousness" symbolize the people who are called righteous by Christ. / Believers will display God's glory.

/Verse 4. / They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

/The Jews who were under captivity would return. / The verse speaks of a promise of restoration of Israel. / This can also refer to the deliverance of those who were enslaved to Satan and sin.

/It refers to spiritual freedom. / Then those who are freed will receive grace and blessings from Jesus. / Whoever accepts Jesus will rebuild what is broken. / Then they will receive true blessings.

/Verse 5. / Aliens will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.

/This means that those whose faith is alive will benefit others. / We must be those who benefit others.

/Verse 6. / And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

/Those who walk with faith benefit others. / It also means that believers will become priests of the Lord. / 1 Peter 2:8-9.

/Abraham became a mighty prince and a leader to the neighboring tribes./ He became a leader. / He became a mighty prince. / Genesis 23:6 / In this way, those who keep their faith will be respected by the world.

/They will gain more authority. / Then God will be glorified through them. / When Daniel held onto his faith, even the king respected him. / However, if we do not hold onto our faith, people will scorn us and trample over us.

/It says, “You will feed on the wealth of nations.” / This means that even foreigners will believe in Christ and return to the church. / Many will return with their riches. / Likewise, when we hold onto our faith, God blesses us.

/Verse 7. / Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit a double portion in their land, and everlasting joy will be their.

/The people of Judah became captives of Babylon and were ashamed and disgraced. / Yet, when they repented and returned to God, they were glorified instead of being ashamed. / They received inheritance instead of disgrace.

/God lifts us up when we hold onto our faith. / Therefore, it is important that we believers walk the path of faith.

/Verse 8. / “For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I

will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them.

/The Lord is a righteous God. / Thus, God pays back for the persecutions that we believers receive. / We must not seek revenge.

/Instead, we must leave our enemies to God and overcome them with goodness. / God gives an everlasting covenant to those who believe in Christ and keep his word. / He gives rewards and blessings according to the covenant.

/Verse 9. / Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed.”

/When one keeps his faith, his descendants will be blessed by God. / It is important for parents to keep their faith if they want their children to be blessed. / We parents must pass down our faith to our children.

/Verse 10. / I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

/Believers must delight and rejoice in God. / What is the greatest purpose in life? / It is to glorify God. / It is also to delight in God.

/We believers must rejoice and delight in God. / Our God alone must be our joy and delight.

/It says, “he has clothed me with garments of salvation.” / Jesus clothes us with garments of salvation when we believe in Him. / Romans 13:14. / He arrays us in robes of His righteousness.

/He clothes us with garments of righteousness when we believe in Jesus. / Revelation 19:8. / We humans are not righteous. / We are called righteous by faith in Jesus. / We become righteous before God. / Then we receive salvation.

/Verse 11. / For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

/When seeds are planted, sprouts come up and it bears fruit. /God accomplishes righteousness when believers walk down the road of faith.

/Then we praise God. / Psalm 126:5-6. / Therefore, we must walk down the path of faith and life.

/We will proceed to Isaiah chapter 62. / The title of this chapter is “New Name.”

/First, the light of salvation will shine like a torch. / Verses 1-5. / Second, watchmen will shout without rest. / Verses 6-9. / Third, God calls to prepare the way of the people. / Verses 10-12.

/Read 62:1. / For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem’s sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.

/“I” is the prophet Isaiah. / Also, it ultimately refers to Jesus Christ. / “Zion” symbolizes Jerusalem, / and it symbolizes the church in today’s time.

/In this way, God’s righteousness will shine out like the dawn through our faith in Christ. / It says here, “I will not keep silent.” / This means that God will surely fulfill redemption. / He will fulfill his work of salvation.

/Verse 2. / The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.

/God sent Christ to fulfill righteousness. / Thus, the church would become glorious. / In this way, all kings will see the church become glorious.

/God will give a new name. / He will give a new name to Israel. / He will continue the new

life movement through Christ. /Revelation 2:17. / Genesis 32:28

/Verse 3. / You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

/We believers are a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand. / God uses us for glorious purposes. / Isaiah 43:4 / Believers are precious treasures before God.

/We can see in 2 Peter 1:2 that we have been saved by precious faith. / Jesus saved us with His precious blood. / Therefore, we all are precious. / Our lives are worth more than the whole world.

/Verse 4. / No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married.

/Israel was once abandoned. / She was punished. / She became like a desert. / However, they repented and stood upright before God, and then God restored them.

/He also gave them salvation through Christ. / Hence, when God calls us, he calls us, "My delight." / He also calls us, "My bride."

/The church is Christ's bride. / 2 Corinthians 11:2. / In this way, God considers us beautiful and lifts us up.

/Verse 5. / As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

/God would allow the people of Judah to return to their homeland. / "So will your sons marry you." / "You" refers to Jerusalem. / "Your sons" refer to believers.

/This means that Jerusalem would be restored. / This means that the church would live and

work.

/Jerusalem and the church would be restored. / Many would be saved. / Unbelievers will believe.

/Verse 6. / I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest,

/The “watchmen” here symbolize the prophets, or in today’s time, the pastors. / They were to report the coming of enemies. / We pastors must stay awake. / We must be careful and observe whether the enemies are coming.

/It says, “give yourselves no rest.” / This means to pray. / This means to pray and cry out to God without rest. / 1 Thessalonians 5:17/ Mark 9:29

/We must not give up our time of prayer. / We must pray hard to God and receive answers from him.

/Verse 7. / and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.

/It says, “till he establishes Jerusalem.” / This is the reconstruction of the destroyed Jerusalem. / This means to continue with the movement of salvation in the New Testament period.

/It also says, “give him no rest.” / We must continually cry out to God and ask him to work in our lives.

/We must continue to pray so that the work of salvation will not come to a stop. / When the church is glorified, God is lifted up. / We must continue to pray. / Luke 18:1-3

/Verses 8-9. / The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: “Never again

will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled; but those who harvest it will eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather the grapes will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.”

/The “right hand” is God’s powerful hand. / When we keep our faith, God protects us so that our things are not taken away. / He allows us to gain from our efforts. / Psalm 128:1-2

/“Grain” symbolizes spiritual food, / and “wine” symbolizes God’s grace. / God will give us such spiritual blessings.

/Verse 10. / Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations.

/The people of Judah would return from captivity in Babylon. / They will be freed from Babylon. / They would return with their heads held high. / They would overcome powers and obstacles and return home.

/The gospel movement today is about winning and winning. / It says, “Raise a banner for the nations.” / This means to introduce the redemption of Christ to all parts of the world. / Matthew 24:14. / Then, the redemption of Christ will be preached to the ends of the earth.

/Verse 11. / The LORD has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.’”

/This means that the gospel will be preached to the ends of the earth. / Christ’s gospel will be preached. / It is currently being preached all throughout the world.

/God will reward those who share the gospel. / We must strive to testify about Jesus.

/Verse 12. / They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.



/God would allow the people of Judah to return, and he would restore Jerusalem. / In the New Testament period, God will redeem all the chosen people. / Then we believers will become his holy people.

/God will not abandon the believers and the church. / He will stay with believers until the end. / He will lift us up with crowns. / We must preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

/We will continue with Isaiah chapter 63. / The title of this chapter is “Red Garment.”

/First, Christ tramples the enemy. / Verses 1-6. / Second, thankfulness for grace in the past. / Verses 7-9.

/Third, the people of Judah return in their suffering as they remember the days of Moses. / Verses 10-14. / Fourth, the people of Judah cry for God in the midst of punishment. / Verses 15-19.

/Verse 1. / Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? “It is I, speaking of righteousness, mighty to save.”

/Jesus Christ will come for the second time and judge the enemies of the church. / He will deliver His chosen people. / “Edom” is a representative enemy of Israel. / Obadiah 1:12

/“Bozrah” is a major city of Edom. / Jesus would come in crimson garments. / This means that Jesus will trample and judge the enemies of Israel. / Revelation 19:13 / Jesus will come to judge with His great might.

/It says, “It is I, speaking of righteousness, mighty to save.” / Christ completed God’s righteousness on the cross. / He has the power to save believers from all over the world.

/Verses 2-3. / Why are your garments red, like those of one treading the winepress? “I have trodden the winepress alone; from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all

my clothing.

/God would trample Edom, the enemy of Israel, as he would tread the winepress. / He will trample and judge Edom.

/Jesus Christ will judge this sinful world in the Last Days. / He will judge the sinners in the last days. / Revelation 14:18-20

/Verses 4-5. / For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redemption has come. I looked, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arm worked salvation for me, and my own wrath sustained me.

/Christ judges the enemies and saves His people. / There will be a day for vengeance. / Jesus will come for the second time and judge the enemies. / He will then redeem His people.

/Jesus first came down to preach the gospel. / At His Second Coming, He will come and judge the sinners/ and redeem the believers.

/It says, “there was no one to help.” / No one can help Jesus with His judgment and salvation ministry.

/Verse 6. / I trampled the nations in my anger; in my wrath I made them drunk and poured their blood on the ground.”

/God judges the sinners in his wrath. / Their blood is poured on the ground. / God destroys the sinners and judges them.

/Verse 7. / I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us— yes, the many good things he has done for the house of Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

/The salvation God gave us through Christ is the result of his mercy and grace. / The salvation we received is the gift of God in his mercy and grace. / Therefore, we must praise

and give thanks to God for his compassion and love.

/Verses 8-9. / He said, “Surely they are my people, sons who will not be false to me”; and so he became their Savior. In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

/God chose the people of Judah. / He considered them his people. / He did so to be glorified through his chosen people. / Psalm 100:3-4.

/However, the people of Judah failed to meet God’s expectations. / They acted in lies. / They were not truthful. / We must be truthful before God. / John 1:47 / Revelation 17:14

/We must overcome with truthfulness. / God will then save us. / He will protect us.

/Next, it says, “he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.” / God protected the people of Judah with love and compassion during the Old Testament times. / Deuteronomy 32:11

/Verse 10. / Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.

/God showed them great mercy and salvation. / Yet, they rebelled against God. / They rejected God.

/They grieved the Holy Spirit. / The people of Judah grieved the Holy Spirit by disobeying him. / Ephesians 4:30 / Psalm 78:40/ Acts 7:51

/We must not grieve God as they did. / We must follow the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

/Verse 11. / Then his people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people—

where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who set his Holy Spirit among them,

/"His people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses." / This refers to the time God delivered the Israelites from Egypt.

/They would remember this and come back to God. / They would be punished by God and then repent and return. / Revelation 3:3

/Verses 12-13. / who sent his glorious arm of power to be at Moses' right hand, who divided the waters before them, to gain for himself everlasting renown, who led them through the depths? Like a horse in open country, they did not stumble;

/God delivered the Israelites through Moses. / He divided the Red Sea. / He led them through the desert.

/We must return to God. / We must repent and return to the God of love and power.

/Verse 14. / like cattle that go down to the plain, they were given rest by the Spirit of the LORD. This is how you guided your people to make for yourself a glorious name.

/The Holy Spirit gave rest to the Israelites. / He gave them rest and peace. / He led his people.

/Thus, he named for himself a glorious name. / We must repent and return to God today. / We must receive guidance from God. / There is true rest and peace in God.

/Verse 15. / Look down from heaven and see, from your lofty throne, holy and glorious. Where are your zeal and your might? Your tenderness and compassion are withheld from us.

/We pray and seek God's help in times of trouble. / It may seem as if the Lord's mercy is not upon us in times of trouble. / However, God will never forsake us.

/He saved the Israelites just as he delivered the ancestors of Judah. / He saved the Israelites from Egypt. / He led them through the desert.

/Likewise, we must believe today that God will deliver us with his mercy and compassion. / Then we must wholeheartedly seek God.

/Verse 16. / But you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

/When we are punished, it may seem as if God abandoned us. / Isaiah 49:15. / However, God will never abandon us.

/He saved us before. / He saved us in the past. / He still saves us, / and will save us from any trouble in the future.

/Verse 17. / Why, O LORD, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance.

/This is the Israelites' acknowledgment of their sins and their repentance. / They prayed that God would have mercy on them.

/God accepts us with open arms when we repent of our sins and return to him. / He shows compassion. / Proverbs 28:13

/The verse says, "Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance." / This is an assurance of the fulfillment of God's promise.

/They prayed with living hope. / They prayed for their restoration. / They longed to be closer to God.

/Verses 18-19. / For a little while your people possessed your holy place, but now our

enemies have trampled down your sanctuary. We are yours from of old; but you have not ruled over them, they have not been called by your name.

/The Israelites sinned. / They were punished by God. / Their enemies trampled down God's sanctuary. / They became like strangers.

/The Israelites would groan and cry out to God in times of trouble. / God would then surely save them.

/We may sometimes feel abandoned by God in times of trouble. / However, we must have assurance. / We must not doubt. / God has mercy on us.

/He hears our cries. / We are saved by our faith in Jesus. / We must cry out to God in times of suffering and punishment. / Then God will show us his mercy and will deliver us.

/With this we will conclude the fifteenth lecture on Isaiah. / Thank you.