

WARM-UP

- Recall a time when you waited eagerly for someone to arrive home because the person had something for you. What did you do when he or she arrived?
- Who is the most hardworking person you know? Share a memory that explains it.
- Have you ever been in an embarrassing or difficult situation where you needed someone to save you? What happened?

WORD *¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹²And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. **ISAIAH 62:11-12***

(Read also **ISAIAH 62:8-10**.)

In our study of Isaiah, we have seen that time and again God's people failed to fulfill their part of the covenant. On the contrary, God always honors the covenant and commitment He made to His people. In this passage, God was repeating a promise He had already given—He will set His people free and establish His covenant with them. They will be called *Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken*. Today, we know that God fulfilled this promise through Jesus. Everything that the prophets spoke about the promised Redeemer was fulfilled in Christ. In Him, we receive our salvation, our victory, and all the blessings that God has for us. In this lesson, we will look at how God works to fulfill His covenant with His people.

1 | God brings about a reversal of circumstances for His people.

⁸The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored; ⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."

ISAIAH 62:8-9

The Israelites were forced to give part of their produce as tribute to the powerful nations around them. They would give their grain to be food for their enemies and foreigners would drink their wine. In this passage, God swore to reverse this situation. He declared freedom from this oppression. They will enjoy the fruit of their labor and praise the Lord. God is also doing this for us today. We can hold on to His word because He can turn things around for us. What does Romans 8:28 promise for those who love God and are called according to His purpose?

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2 | God brings about deliverance for His people.

*Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." **ISAIAH 62:11***

God is coming and *His reward is with Him*. God has always been at work to bring salvation to His people. He also desires to give His blessings and rewards not because people deserve to receive them but because of who He is. He is a promise-keeper and a rewarder. What He has done and continues to do will be *proclaimed to the end of the earth*. God will send

the Savior, and people will know the deliverance He brings. How has God used other people to proclaim His deliverance to you?

3

God's redemptive work in His people will be apparent to all.

And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

ISAIAH 62:12

God has always been at work to redeem people and restore them to Himself. To do this, He chose Israel to be His witness to the world. God will bring freedom to His people, establish them in their land, and make them known not only for their benefit, but for the other people groups to see and know Him. He sent His Redeemer—Jesus Christ—through the Jews. They will be a sought-out city because of God seeking them out and not abhorring them despite their sin and rebellion. People would see what God is doing in their lives and want the same. Similarly, God wants to proclaim His reality through us. We obey Him and preach His word not out of obligation, but out of His love. The love that reached out to us compels us to reach out to others. What does 2 Corinthians 5:14–15 say about the love of Christ?

APPLICATION

- In what area of your life and family are you seeking God for a reversal? Do you believe that God can do a miracle in a dead end situation? Ask God to reveal to you what He is doing for you through this situation.
- Ask God to reveal to you your motive for preaching the gospel to others. If something else other than His love is driving you to do that, ask Him to change your heart and give you His heart for people.
- Among your family and friends, who do you think needs to experience the victory and deliverance that is available in Christ? Ask God for open doors to share what Christ has done and for others to experience His deliverance.

PRAYER

- Thank God for the deliverance that is available in Christ Jesus. Thank Him for making you part of His work so people will know Him and be set free.
- Pray that no matter what your situation is, you will never cease to be amazed at what God has done to restore us back to Him. Pray that His love will compel you to proclaim what Jesus did for us on the cross.
- Ask God for strength and courage to reach out to others in your sphere of influence. Pray that you will always be ready to share the hope that you have in Christ.



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