

The Gospel According to Isaiah



Isaiah 54-55
The Invitation and Glory of God's Salvation

Salvation & Restoration for Israel (54)



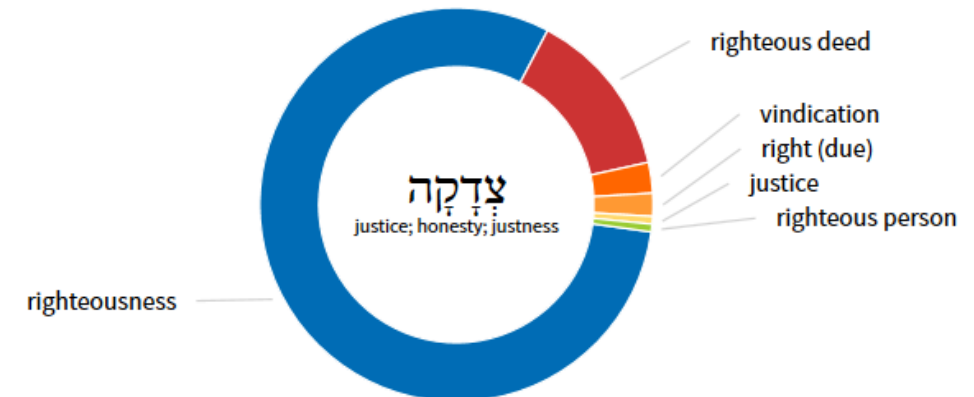
- ❧ The joy of a restored wife (54:1-10)
 - ❧ She can shout for joy because she will be fruitful and no longer barren and desolate (vv1-3)
 - ❧ She no longer has to fear or remember her prior shame, humiliation, and disgrace (v4)
 - ❧ Reasons why:
 - ❧ Her husband and Redeemer is Almighty God (v5)
 - ❧ He has called her who had been rejected (v6)
 - ❧ With compassion and lovingkindness He will gather her who had been forsaken (vv7-8)
 - ❧ He gives a divine oath that this salvation and covenant is unbreakable (vv9-10)

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- ❧ The joy of a restored wife (54:1-10)
- ❧ The glory of a restored city (vv11-17)
 - ❧ It will be magnificent (vv11-12)
 - ❧ Every citizen will know the Lord and know peace (v13)
 - ❧ Every citizen will be established in righteousness and free from oppression and terror (v14)
 - ❧ Every citizen will be secure (vv15-17)

Isaiah 53:5 ⁵But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our **well-being** fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.



God's Salvation Invitation to All (55)



- ✧ God's salvation is offered to those who thirst for righteousness and who possess no capacity to obtain it (55:1a)
- ✧ God's salvation is offered as a free gift without any payment from the recipient (v1b)
- ✧ God's salvation brings delight while other pursuits will never satisfy (v2)
- ✧ God's salvation is offered in an everlasting covenant through the Messiah (vv3-5)
- ✧ God's salvation through faith and repentance brings compassion and abundant pardon from God (vv6-7)
- ✧ God's thoughts and ways are vastly higher than man's (vv8-9)

God's Salvation Invitation to All (55)



- ✧ God's word is absolutely dependable and will accomplish its intended work (vv10-11)
- ✧ God's salvation will bring about unspeakable joy, peace, and celebration – *forever!* (vv12-13)

Observations & Application



- ❧ God has a promised future to redeem Israel!
- ❧ God offers salvation today to all people – including you!

Before Salvation

- ❧ Barren, desolate, forsaken
- ❧ Living in fear, shame, humiliation
- ❧ Thirsty for righteousness
- ❧ Spiritually bankrupt
- ❧ Pursuing what does not satisfy
- ❧ Having wicked ways
- ❧ Having unrighteous thoughts

After Salvation

- ❧ Celebration and full of joy
- ❧ Spiritually fruitful
- ❧ Enjoying everlasting peace
- ❧ Nourished and no longer thirsty
- ❧ Satisfied
- ❧ Delighting in abundance
- ❧ Benefiting from the Lord's compassion and pardon
- ❧ Embracing the Lord's thoughts and ways