

God Repeatedly Reached Out & Called To Relieve the Nation's Distress but Was Rebuffed

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Because we are dealing with an Unfathomable God, discipleship growth requires us continuously to acknowledge, "I don't _____ what I don't _____!" Or "I don't know what God knows."



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Is. 50: 2b-3. ...By His Word God created Heaven & Earth & controls every facet of every atom and molecule holding them together (Luke 24:19, Col 1: 16-17, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28)

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repercussions for sin. (Exodus 34:7, which can be overcome Luke 1:50, Psalm 85:5-7)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE — Isaiah 50:1–11 — 51: 1-

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10Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. **11**Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning torches! Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have kindled! This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment.

Isaiah 51

1“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. **2**Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. **3**For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

4“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law^a will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. **5**My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. **6**Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;^b but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

7“Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings. **8**For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool, but my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation to all generations.”

9Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago. Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? **10**Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over?

11And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

12“I, I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass, **13**and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker, who stretched out

the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and you fear continually all the day because of the wrath of the oppressor, when he sets himself to destroy? And where is the wrath of the oppressor? **14**He who is bowed down shall speedily be released; he shall not die and go down to the pit, neither shall his bread be lacking. **15**I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the LORD of hosts is his name.

16And I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand, establishing^c the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth, and saying to Zion, ‘You are my people.’”

17Wake yourself, wake yourself, stand up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the LORD the cup of his wrath, who have drunk to the dregs the bowl, the cup of staggering. **18**There is none to guide her among all the sons she has borne; there is none to take her by the hand among all the sons she has brought up. **19**These two things have happened to you—who will console you?— devastation and destruction, famine and sword; who will comfort you?^d **20**Your sons have fainted; they lie at the head of every street like an antelope in a net; they are full of the wrath of the LORD, the rebuke of your God.

21Therefore hear this, you who are afflicted, who are drunk, but not with wine: **22**Thus says your Lord, the LORD, your God who pleads the cause of his people: “Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering; the bowl of my wrath you shall drink no more; **23**and I will put it into the hand of your tormentors, who have said to you, ‘Bow down, that we may pass over’; and you have made your back like the ground and like the street for them to pass over.”

Footnotes:

a 4 Or *for teaching*; also verse 7

b 6 Or *will die like gnats*

c 16 Or *planting*

d 19 Dead Sea Scroll, Septuagint, Syriac, Vulgate; Masoretic Text *how shall I comfort you*



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING SLIDES

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TODAY'S MESSAGE & SLIDES

Slide 6) Message Map:

Investigating the Insights of Isaiah #22

Isaiah Chaps 50: 1-3 & 51: 1-3

“God Disciplines but Does Not Divorce Us”

- 1) Is. 50: 1-3 God Will Not Divorce Israel, Nor Us, His People**

- 2) Is. 50:2 All Nations, Like Israel, Fall When No One Answers God’s Call To Stand In The Gap**
- 3) Is. 50: 4-6 - Christ Learned Obedience In A Morning By Morning (Moment By Moment) Relationship With God**
 - Christ learned the obedience that qualified Him to stand in the gap!**
- 4) Is. 51: 1-3 We Must Persevere In Purity To Stand Upon The Rock Of Christ In The Faith Of Abraham**
 - By exercising pure Biblical faith in Christ, we learn to stand in the gap!**

Slide 7) PART 1 Isaiah 50: 1-3

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Divorce = a Cutting (of the Matrimonial Bond)

- to destroy or consume a covenant
- be chewed to destroy (not a healthy consuming)
- a failing of the commitment
- to cut off and destroy the life of
- permit to perish
- Formalized by a Certificate, bill of evidence

God Doesn’t Divorce His People, But Delivers Them In Due Time

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- Luke 24:19 ...Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people
- Col 1: 16-17 ¹⁶For by^f him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 - Christ controls everything, including death, so of course He can restore Israel. 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴**Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.** ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶**The last enemy to be destroyed is death.** ²⁷For “**God^c has put all things in subjection under his feet.**” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸**When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.**

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Creditor = the person or company to whom something is owed
Ransom = a sum of money or other payment demanded or paid for the release of a prisoner: *God requires a ransom to release us from imprisonment to sin.*

Remit = cancel or refrain from exacting or inflicting (a debt or punishment)

Thus the slide of the title is a tremendously valid statement.

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- Note: It is the unrepentant who refuse to bow the knee the Christ, who are subject for generational curses.
- God redeems our generations
- Luke 1:50 NIV His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.
- Psalm 85:5 (5-7) ⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! ⁵Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? ⁶Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

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- Ezekiel 22:30. **23**And the word of the LORD came to me: **24**"Son of man, say to her, You are a land that is not cleansed or rained upon in the day of indignation. **25**The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured human lives; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst. **26**Her priests have done violence to my law and have profaned my holy things. They have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have disregarded my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. **27**Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, shedding blood, destroying lives to get dishonest gain. **28**And her prophets have smeared whitewash for them, seeing false visions and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD has not spoken. **29**The people of the land have practiced extortion and committed robbery. They have oppressed the poor and needy, and have extorted from the sojourner without justice. **30**And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none. **31**Therefore I have poured out my indignation upon them. I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath. I

have returned their way upon their heads, declares the Lord GOD."

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George Washington on the fight for truth

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Calvin - God, when he offered a termination to their distresses, was obstinately despised, as if he had spoken to the deaf and dumb. Hence he infers that on themselves lies the blame of not having been sooner delivered;

- God repeatedly had shown His wondrous works of deliverance through the plagues He visited on Egypt & parting the Red Sea & During the Joshua Wars, holding back the Jor-

dan River, toppling the Walls of Jericho, & making the sun stand still.

- God "possessed abundance of power to assist them," yet they sought a solution somewhere else than in him!
- Since God's power was not at all diminished, he, therefore, would not have delayed to stretch out his hand to them in distress, if they had not wickedly refused his aid

Not that He needed human helpers.

Slide 18) Part 3) Christ Learned Obedience In A Morning By Morning (Moment By Moment) Relationship With God

- Christ was fully human, so He had to discover who He was by being disciplined just as we must -
- Thus by age 12 he had read enough of the Bible morning by morning to be convicted by the Holy Spirit that He was The Son Of God. So in Luke 2:41-51 He goes into the temple and astounds the people in it, much to the consternation of his parents.
- Luke 2: 41-51 **41**Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. **42**And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. **43**And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, **44**but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, **45**and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. **46**After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. **47**And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. **48**And when his parents^g saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." **49**And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"^h **50**And they did not understand

the saying that he spoke to them. **51**And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

Slide 19) Christ Practiced the A, B, C's of Discipleship

The A, B, C's of Discipleship = Attending Fellowship/ Church, Bible Study & Communicating with God (Prayer) Christ's & Our Relationship with God involves Bible Study, Church Attendance/ Fellowship & Communicating with God in Prayer

- A) In Luke 4:16-30 we see Christ is in the Temple practicing church **ATTENDANCE**.
- B) He's there to take His turn to read the scroll which is to engage in **BIBLE** study
- **Christ Attended Fellowship/ Church — Luke 4: 16-30**
16And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. **17**And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, **18**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, **19**to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” **20**And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21**And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” **22**And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” **23**And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” **24**And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. **25**But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,

26and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. **27**And there were many lepers^a in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” **28**When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. **29**And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. **30**But passing through their midst, he went away.

- C) In Mark 1:35 we see Christ rising early to pray to **COMMUNICATE** with His Father— a great while before day break.
- Mark 1:35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.
- BTW — Attending Fellowship tends to include worshipping in song: In Matt 26:30 & Mark 14:26, we see Christ singing a psalm with His disciples
- Matthew 26:30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
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We must **LEARN** obedience. It doesn't come **NATURALLY**. A favorite word of toddlers is “**NO!**”

- Hebrews 5:8 “Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.” This means that though Jesus was born fully God and fully man, the fully man part of Him had to endure the hardships of overcoming temptation and distractions, so He could pay attention & be obedient to God.
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- Isaiah 50:5 KJB The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.
- Isaiah 50:5 NAS The Lord GOD has opened My ear, And I was not disobedient, Nor did I turn back.
- Isaiah 50:5 NIV The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.

Slide 21) we must **LEARN obedience. It doesn't come **NATURALLY**.**

It is natural to disobey. A favorite word of toddlers is “NO!” Effective disciples learn to **LEAN on Christ to help them **CONTINUOUSLY** learn, as it is required to keep growing/progressing in Christ**

What we tend to experience in the middle of a learning curve is... a) awkward first attempts, b) feelings of inadequacy, c) anxiety due to lack of proficiency, d) fear of the unknown, e) fear of failure

- Sometimes the last thing we want to do is learn because it is stressful, as we are not sure we are capable of passing the tests, getting it right, etc...
- Thus we need to give others grace when they are apprehensive about approaching a learning curve, because they don't know what is on the other side.
- What stops us from entering a learning curve is ... a) fear of the unknown, b) fear of failure, c) feelings of inadequacy, d) anxiety that I won't be able to do it.

- Because we are dealing with an Unfathomable God, discipleship growth requires us continuously to acknowledge, “I don't **KNOW** what I don't **KNOW!**” Or “I don't know what God knows.

Slide 22) Discerning Disciples Have A Holy Spirit Disciplined/Controlled Tongue (Isaiah 50:4)

- Isaiah 50:4 NIV The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.
- Isaiah 50:4 NLT The Sovereign LORD has given me his words of wisdom, so that I know how to comfort the weary. Morning by morning he wakens me and opens my understanding to his will.
- Isaiah 50:4 ESV The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.
- Isaiah 50:4 KJB The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.
- Isaiah 50:4 NAS The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, So that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.
- James 3:9 Blessings & curses should not come out of the same mouth
- As a child, I had an ambition to grow up and curse like the older guys, who would sling together humorous vulgarities that sounded so cool! In the military, I had a roommate who was a master of the cursing arts. As a young man, I admired the way he could put together insults and trash talk people.

Then I became a Christian and realized “There Is No Age Appropriate Sin!” God doesn’t look on cursing as cool. He sees it as an act of undisciplined disciples. George Washington said, cursing is the most unprovoked of sins.

- On August 3, 1776 General George Washington Issued this General Orders

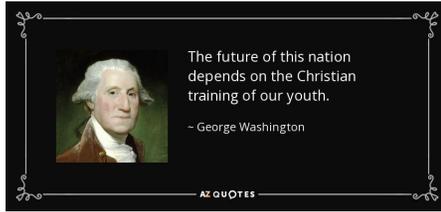
The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice hitherto little known in our American Army is growing into fashion. He hopes that the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it and that both they and the men will reflect that we can little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our army if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this it is a vice so mean and low without any temptation that every man of sense and character detests and despises it.

(Signed,) George Washington

- Speech is important for by it we confess the faith that saves us, and by it we either reflect our faith and model Christ or we are communicating something else
- George Washington also used his voice to encourage The A,B,C’s of Discipleship in church attendance: “The General most earnestly requires, and expects, a due observance of those articles of war, established for the government of the army which forbid profane cursing, swearing and drunkenness; and in like manner requires and expects, of all officers, and soldiers, not engaged on actual duty, a punctual attendance on divine service, to implore the blessings of heaven upon the means used for our safety and defence.”
- America’s Founders were united under a Ten Commandments value system. There are 2 value system in the world — the Ten Commandments, and everything else. Note: The everything else violates the Ten Commandments. George

Washington also encouraged us to be Americans, not sectarian democrats and republicans: “Be Americans. Let there be no sectionalism, no North, South, East or West. You are all dependent on one another and should be one in union. In one word, be a nation. Be Americans, and be true to yourselves.”

- <https://www.azquotes.com/quote/1336876> - Notes that George Washington also said, “It is impossible to govern the world without God. It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits and humbly implore his protection and favor.”
- <https://www.azquotes.com/quote/783850> - Notes that George Washington also said, “Government is not reason; it is not eloquent; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master. Experience has taught us that it is much easier to prevent an enemy from posting themselves than it is to dislodge them after they have got possession, and when the **freedom of speech** is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.”
- <https://www.azquotes.com/quote/845722> George Washington state the importance of 3BR people being in charge of government: “But if the laws are to be so trampled upon with impunity, and a minority is to dictate to the majority, there is an end put at one stroke to republican government, and nothing but anarchy and confusion is to be expected thereafter.
- <https://www.azquotes.com/quote/928170> — George Washington “Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself.”
- <https://www.azquotes.com/quote/533293> — George Washington “Do not let anyone claim tribute of American patriotism if they even attempt to remove religion from politics.”
- <https://www.azquotes.com/quote/865245> George Washington The future of this nation depends on the Christian training of our youth.



- George Washington Where are our Men of abilities? Why do they not come forth to save their Country? <https://www.azquotes.com/quote/396403>

Slide 23 Part 4) Is. 51: 1-3 We Must Persevere in Purity of Faith To Stand Upon the Rock of Christ as Did the Faith of Abraham

We must exercise Pure Faith that conforms to Ten commands 1&2, as did the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

Following in the Footsteps of the Faith of Abraham Fosters These Outcomes:

- 1) Our faith gets anchored on the Rock of Christ
 - Matthew 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
 - Peter = Petros a small rock found along a pathway. 4074 / Pétros ("small stone") then stands in contrast to 4073 /pétra ("cliff, boulder," Abbott-Smith).
 - Rock = "a mass of connected rock," which is distinct from 4074 (Pétros) which is "a detached stone or boulder"
 - Matthew 7:24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
- 2) Is 51:3 We obtain the Lord's comfort/peace and joy — that's why Christians sing so much! Is. 51:3 For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her

wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

1"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. 3For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Slide 24) Those Participating In The Old Testament Ceremonies Were Supposed To Do It In Faith That God Would Respond & Provide Remission

Hebrews 4:2 ESV For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

Hebrews 4:2 KJB For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Hebrews 4:2 NAS For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also did; but the word they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united with those who listened with faith.

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Isaiah 54

1“Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married,” says the LORD. **2**“Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. **3**For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.

4“Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. **5**For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. **6**For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. **7**For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. **8**In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,” says the LORD, your Redeemer.

9“This is like the days of Noah^a to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. **10**For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

11“O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires.^b **12**I will make your pinnacles of agate,^c your gates of carbuncles,^d and all your wall of precious stones. **13**All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. **14**In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you. **15**If anyone stirs up strife, it is not from me; whoever stirs up strife with you shall fall because of you. **16**Behold, I have created the smith who blows the fire of coals and produces a weapon for its purpose. I have also created the ravager to destroy; **17**no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication^e from me, declares the LORD.”

Footnotes:

a 9 Some manuscripts *For this is as the waters of Noah*

b 11 Or *lapis lazuli*

c 12 Or *jasper*, or *ruby*

d 12 Or *crystal*

e 17 Or *righteousness*

Isaiah 55

1“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

3Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

4Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

5Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

6“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

7let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on
him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

9For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

11so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Isaiah 56

1Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

2Blessed is the man who does this,
and the son of man who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,
and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

3Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say,
“The LORD will surely separate me from his people”;
and let not the eunuch say,
“Behold, I am a dry tree.”

4For thus says the LORD:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast my covenant,

5I will give in my house and within my walls
a monument and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off.

6“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

7these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

8The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Israel’s Irresponsible Leaders

9All you beasts of the field, come to devour—
all you beasts in the forest.

10His watchmen are blind;
they are all without knowledge;
they are all silent dogs;
they cannot bark,
dreaming, lying down,
loving to slumber.

11The dogs have a mighty appetite;
they never have enough.
But they are shepherds who have no understanding;
they have all turned to their own way,
each to his own gain, one and all.

12“Come,” they say, “let me get wine;
let us fill ourselves with strong drink;
and tomorrow will be like this day,
great beyond measure.”

Isaiah 57

1The righteous man perishes,
and no one lays it to heart;
devout men are taken away,

while no one understands.
For the righteous man is taken away from calamity;
2he enters into peace;
they rest in their beds
who walk in their uprightness.
3But you, draw near,
sons of the sorceress,
offspring of the adulterer and the loose woman.
4Whom are you mocking?
Against whom do you open your mouth wide
and stick out your tongue?
Are you not children of transgression,
the offspring of deceit,
5you who burn with lust among the oaks,^a
under every green tree,
who slaughter your children in the valleys,
under the clefts of the rocks?
6Among the smooth stones of the valley is your portion;
they, they, are your lot;
to them you have poured out a drink offering,
you have brought a grain offering.
Shall I relent for these things?
7On a high and lofty mountain
you have set your bed,
and there you went up to offer sacrifice.
8Behind the door and the doorpost
you have set up your memorial;
for, deserting me, you have uncovered your bed,
you have gone up to it,
you have made it wide;
and you have made a covenant for yourself with them,
you have loved their bed,
you have looked on nakedness.^b
9You journeyed to the king with oil
and multiplied your perfumes;
you sent your envoys far off,
and sent down even to Sheol.
10You were wearied with the length of your way,

but you did not say, "It is hopeless";
you found new life for your strength,
and so you were not faint.^c

11Whom did you dread and fear,
so that you lied,
and did not remember me,
did not lay it to heart?
Have I not held my peace, even for a long time,
and you do not fear me?
12I will declare your righteousness and your deeds,
but they will not profit you.
13When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you!
The wind will carry them all off,
a breath will take them away.
But he who takes refuge in me shall possess the land
and shall inherit my holy mountain.

Comfort for the Contrite

14And it shall be said,
"Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my people's way."
15For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
"I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.
16For I will not contend forever,
nor will I always be angry;
for the spirit would grow faint before me,
and the breath of life that I made.
17Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry,
I struck him; I hid my face and was angry,
but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.
18I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;
I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners,
19creating the fruit of the lips.
Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the LORD,

“and I will heal him.

20But the wicked are like the tossing sea;
for it cannot be quiet,
and its waters toss up mire and dirt.

21There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”

Footnotes:

a 5 Or *among the terebinths*

b 8 Or *on a monument* (see 56:5); Hebrew *on a hand*

c 10 Hebrew *and so you were not sick*

Isaiah 58

1“Cry aloud; do not hold back;
lift up your voice like a trumpet;
declare to my people their transgression,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

2Yet they seek me daily
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that did righteousness
and did not forsake the judgment of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they delight to draw near to God.

3‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge
of it?’

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,^a
and oppress all your workers.

4Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

5Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

6“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed^b go free,
and to break every yoke?

7Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

8Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

9Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

10if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.

11And the LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your desire in scorched places
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.

12And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to dwell in.

13“If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,
from doing your pleasure^c on my holy day,
and call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,
or seeking your own pleasure,^d or talking idly;^e
14then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;^f
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Footnotes:

a 3 Or *pursue your own business*

b 6 Or *bruised*

c 13 Or *business*

d 13 Or *pursuing your own business*

e 13 Hebrew *or speaking a word*

f 14 Or *of the land*

Isaiah 59

1Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;

2but your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.

3For your hands are defiled with blood
and your fingers with iniquity;
your lips have spoken lies;
your tongue mutters wickedness.

4No one enters suit justly;
no one goes to law honestly;
they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies,
they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.

5They hatch adders’ eggs;
they weave the spider’s web;
he who eats their eggs dies,

and from one that is crushed a viper is hatched.

6Their webs will not serve as clothing;
men will not cover themselves with what they make.
Their works are works of iniquity,
and deeds of violence are in their hands.

7Their feet run to evil,
and they are swift to shed innocent blood;
their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity;
desolation and destruction are in their highways.

8The way of peace they do not know,
and there is no justice in their paths;
they have made their roads crooked;
no one who treads on them knows peace.

9Therefore justice is far from us,
and righteousness does not overtake us;
we hope for light, and behold, darkness,
and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

10We grope for the wall like the blind;
we grope like those who have no eyes;
we stumble at noon as in the twilight,
among those in full vigor we are like dead men.

11We all growl like bears;
we moan and moan like doves;
we hope for justice, but there is none;
for salvation, but it is far from us.

12For our transgressions are multiplied before you,
and our sins testify against us;
for our transgressions are with us,
and we know our iniquities:

13transgressing, and denying the LORD,
and turning back from following our God,
speaking oppression and revolt,
conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

Judgment and Redemption

14Justice is turned back,
and righteousness stands far away;
for truth has stumbled in the public squares,

and uprightness cannot enter.

15 Truth is lacking,
and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

The LORD saw it, and it displeased him^a
that there was no justice.

16 He saw that there was no man,
and wondered that there was no one to intercede;
then his own arm brought him salvation,
and his righteousness upheld him.

17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate,
and a helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

18 According to their deeds, so will he repay,
wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies;
to the coastlands he will render repayment.

19 So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west,
and his glory from the rising of the sun;
for he will come like a rushing stream,^b
which the wind of the LORD drives.

20 “And a Redeemer will come to Zion,
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the
LORD.

21 “And as for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the
LORD: “My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put
in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the
mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children’s
offspring,” says the LORD, “from this time forth and forever-
more.”

Footnotes:

a 15 Hebrew *and it was evil in his eyes*

b 19 Hebrew *a narrow river*

Isaiah 60

1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

3 And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,^a
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you;
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall come up with acceptance on my altar,
and I will beautify my beautiful house.

8 Who are these that fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?

9 For the coastlands shall hope for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from afar,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the LORD your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has made you beautiful.

10 Foreigners shall build up your walls,
and their kings shall minister to you;
for in my wrath I struck you,

but in my favor I have had mercy on you.

11Your gates shall be open continually;
day and night they shall not be shut,
that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations,
with their kings led in procession.

12For the nation and kingdom
that will not serve you shall perish;
those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

13The glory of Lebanon shall come to you,
the cypress, the plane, and the pine,
to beautify the place of my sanctuary,
and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

14The sons of those who afflicted you
shall come bending low to you,
and all who despised you
shall bow down at your feet;
they shall call you the City of the LORD,
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15Whereas you have been forsaken and hated,
with no one passing through,
I will make you majestic forever,
a joy from age to age.

16You shall suck the milk of nations;
you shall nurse at the breast of kings;
and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior
and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

17Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
and instead of iron I will bring silver;
instead of wood, bronze,
instead of stones, iron.

I will make your overseers peace
and your taskmasters righteousness.

18Violence shall no more be heard in your land,
devastation or destruction within your borders;
you shall call your walls Salvation,
and your gates Praise.

19The sun shall be no more
your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon
give you light;^b
but the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.^c

20Your sun shall no more go down,
nor your moon withdraw itself;
for the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your days of mourning shall be ended.

21Your people shall all be righteous;
they shall possess the land forever,
the branch of my planting, the work of my hands,
that I might be glorified.^d

22The least one shall become a clan,
and the smallest one a mighty nation;
I am the LORD;
in its time I will hasten it.

Footnotes:

a 5 Hebrew *your heart shall tremble and grow wide*

b 19 Masoretic Text; Dead Sea Scroll, Septuagint, Targum add
by night

c 19 Or *your beauty*

d 21 Or *that I might display my beauty*

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Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

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Today Sunday, April 10, 2022, is LCF's last church service at This Grange.

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