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Excerpt From *Jehovah Saves. A Commentary on the Book of Isaiah*

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CHAPTER SIXTY-ONE

Overview

There can be no glorious Millennium without the presence of the Servant of the LORD. In the fifth of the Servant Songs (42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; and 52:13-53:12) the prophet viewed the Servant's Coming ministry as a unit, albeit historically it falls into two Comings, the First (vv. 1-3) and the Second (vv. 411). The Lord Jesus claimed that Isa. 61:1-2a was referring to His presence in the first century (Lk. 4:18-19). "*The day of vengeance*" refers to the Tribulation (vv. 2b and Isa. 63:4). During the Millennium, the LORD will bless the remnant nation, fulfilling His New Covenant and causing justice and righteous to prevail. The Gentiles shall serve the Jews who will be "*Priests of the LORD*" and "*ministers of our God.*"

Verses 1-3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

That this is the fifth Servant Song rests upon the fact that Jehovah promised to put His Spirit upon the Servant (42:1). Since the Servant finds fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ (Mt. 12:17-21), and Christ claimed that the present passage applied to Him, the culmination of Isaiah's Servant theology occurs here. The Saviour authenticated His public ministry citing Isaiah, as Luke revealed, saying, "*And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. 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 hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord*" (Lk. 4:17-19). Significant theologically, Christ did not cite or apply the second clause of verse two to Himself because "the day of vengeance" (63:4; Prov. 6:34), or the Tribulation, was yet future.¹

The purposes of the anointing by the Spirit of God the Father ("the Lord GOD" [48:16-17])² are seven, as the prophet employed four Hebrew infinitives of purpose: 1) "*to preach*" (*lebasser*) good tidings (52:7);

¹ Thomas M. Strouse, *The Lord GOD Hath Spoken. A Guide to Bibliology*, Revised and Expanded (Cromwell, CT: Bible Baptist Theological Press, 2015), pp. 171-196.

² "*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him*" (Acts 10:38).

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2) "to bind up" (*lechavosh*) the brokenhearted (Ps. 34:18; Ps. 51:17; Lk. 4:18); 3) "to proclaim" (*liqero*) liberty (42:7; cf. Lev. 25:10); 4) "to proclaim" the opening of prison (49:9); 5) "to proclaim" the acceptable year (49:8; Ps. 69:13); 6) "to proclaim" the day of vengeance (2:12; 13:6; 34:2; Rev. 6:1-8); and 7) "to comfort") all that mourn (57:8; 66:10).³ For those mourning ones coming out of the Tribulation (60:20), the Servant will exchange their ashes for beauty, their mourning with joy (Ps. 23:5; 45:7), and their heaviness (42:4) with praise (43:21). Jehovah will plant them securely as "trees of righteousness" (60:21; Ps. 1:3; Jer. 17:7-8) for His glory (66:5).

Verses 4-11

And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. 6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. 7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. 8 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed. 10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as

³ Cf. "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted" (Mt. 5:4).

a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

As often in Isaiah the prophecy moves from immediate to remote, from restoration after Babylonian exile to restoration after Tribulation exile. During the Millennium the LORD promised His people several blessings. 1) The wasted and desolate cities will be rebuilt. By the end of the Tribulation all cities will be destroyed and Jerusalem ravished (Rev. 16:18-20). 2) The strangers or Gentiles will serve the Jews by handling flocks and tilling the fields (14:1; 49:23; 60:10). 3) Israel will be restored to a priestly nation (66:21), called "the Priests of the LORD" (I Sam. 1:3; 22:17; II Chr. 13:9; and 26:17) and "ministers of our God" (56:6; Ezk. 44:11). Previously, Jehovah asserted concerning Israel's priesthood, saying, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel" (Ex. 19:5-6). The nations will supply riches for the priests to eat and enjoy their elevated status (60:5-11). 4) Israel will enjoy honor among the nations as their shame will turn to double honor (I Tim. 5:17) and their confusion to their double inheritance (Gen. 27:36). Everlasting joy will be their experience (35:10; 51:11).

5) The LORD will fulfill His "everlasting covenant" (24:5; 55:3) with Judah and Israel, as He promised, saying, "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the

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land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jer. 31:31-34). The results of the New Covenant (Ezk. 36:25 ff.; Mt. 26:28) will be regeneration and restored justice (5:16; 28:17; 30:18) and truth (42:3). 6) The LORD will vindicate Israel as the fulfillment of the "seed promise" among the Gentiles (Gen. 3:15; 12:1-3; 15:5; 21:12 et al).

In a joyful hymn of praise, Isaiah identified with the millennial redeemed, rejoicing in "the garments of salvation" (49:18; 52:1; 59:17), "the robe of righteousness" (Job 29:14; 59:17), dressed for the perpetual married life with the Lord Jesus Christ (Rev. 21:1-2, 9). The splendor of the soteriological relationship with Jehovah is likened to being decked⁴ with beautiful ornaments and being adorned with jewels (Ezk. 16:17). Spiritual righteousness will flourish during the Millennium (Pss. 72:3; 85:11) as will all the botanical presence in the restored "garden (of Eden [51:3])." The Lord GOD will bring great spiritual and physical blessings to the earth because of the presence of His anointed Servant.

4 The Hebrew verb for "decketh" is the Piel כָּהַן (*cihen*) referring to being dressed as a "priest" (כֹּהֵן *cohen*).

NEW BOOK

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THE LORD'S RETURN



Pastor Cas Reeves

"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is" (Mark 13:33).

No doubt about it, a major question in Christian thinking: When will the Lord return? The early disciples who walked with Jesus Christ upon this earth asked the same question. In a parallel passage, the disciples asked, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matthew 24:3). Closely associated in the Scripture is the connection of end of the world prophecies and the return of the Lord Jesus. Even though in time these two events are at least a thousand years apart, they are closely tied together for our edification and encouragement.

For Christians the end time prophecies and promises are a call to vigilance and diligence. We find ourselves with a sense of urgency, knowing the Lord's coming could be at any time now. Beside illustrating the surety of his return with the "parable of the fig tree" (Mk. 13:28), and the absolute reliability and steadfastness of his word: "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away" (Mk.13:31); the Lord Jesus shared three things which we must be doing now in light of his promises and prophecies regarding his future coming and the end of the world.

In our text, Jesus give us three imperatives, which in the Greek are commands. He tells us to take "heed" (Mk.13:33). It means literally "to look." The idea is to look, being aware. Put another way it is time to be on the alert knowing the surety of the truth of Christ's coming. We are also commanded to watch or "keep awake." This is not a time to let down our guard, to be lazy or to be as one snoozing over spiritual matters, but rather to be vigilant as one on guard warning

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of a coming danger. "And what I say unto you (his disciples) I say unto all, Watch" (Mark 13:37). And finally, he commands us to "pray." This word, "pray" has two aspects: (1) To come before God in prayer, and (2) to be making supplication on behalf of ourselves and other because we presently don't know the exact time of His return. Our obedience to these commands demonstrates our loyalty, our love, and our faith in the Jesus Christ, in His word, and in His return.

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Quotes From the Past:

Andrew Jackson

7th President of the USA

1767-1845



Andrew Jackson

"The planter, the farmer, the mechanic, and the laborer... form the great body of the people of the United States, they are the bone and sinew of the country men who love liberty and desire nothing but equal rights and equal laws."

Grow in Grace for Women

Read: Exodus 7

Exodus 7:11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

THEN: While Moses and Aaron used the power of the LORD to demonstrate the LORD's Glory, Pharaoh called his counterfeiters to demonstrate the deceptive power of Satan.

NOW: Satan has been trying to deceive from the beginning in the garden, and he was successful. Are we smarter today? Satan is deceiving many today using sorcery, magic, and enchantments which the Lord calls an Abomination.

Satan has witchcraft in children's television programming, in cell phone apps, video games, in movies, on clothing, and in many cases people are not even aware of it.

Recently there has been a push to begin 'After School Satan Clubs' in the public schools.

We are not in the Tribulation time **BUT there is a progression in our society toward normalizing witchcraft, magic, etc...** that there will be little resistance after the saints are raptured.

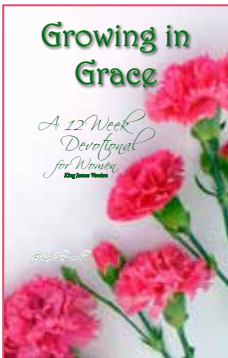
Revelation 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Challenge: Pay careful attention to what you do, what you listen to, or participate in, and discern when the enemy of your soul is using trickery to entice your participation. **PROTECT your Children!**

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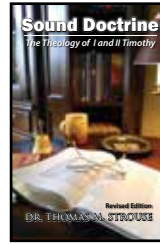
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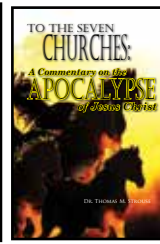
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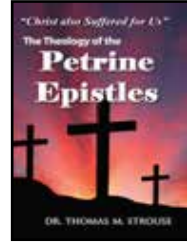
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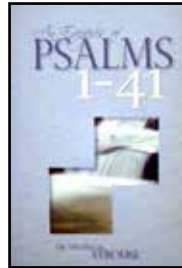
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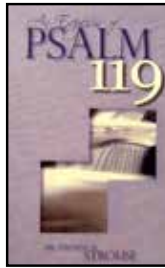
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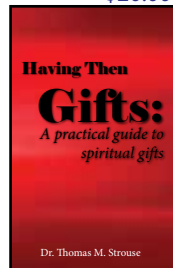
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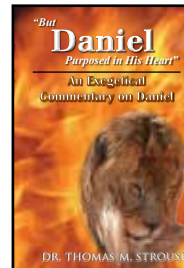
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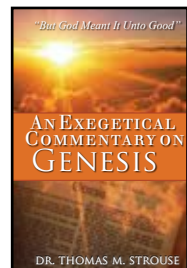
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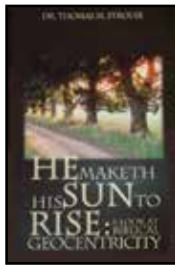
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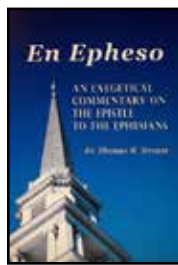
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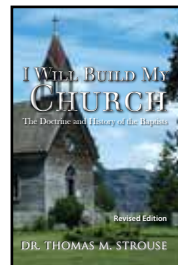
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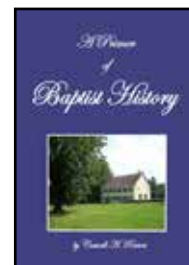
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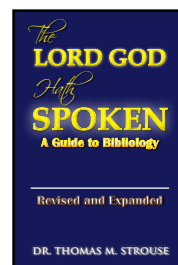
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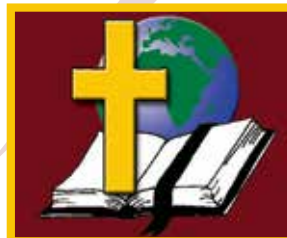
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