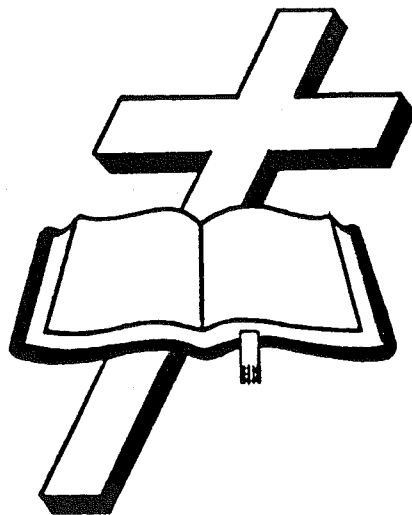


GOD'S GLORY REVEALED TODAY

(How The Glory Of The Lord Translates Into Practical Living Today)
Isaiah 63:1-19



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**“In all their affliction, He was afflicted and He carried them all their days”
(Isaiah 63:9)**

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Text: Isaiah 63:1-19

Subject: What God Tells Us To Expect In Practical Christian Living!

Introduction

1. Isaiah began his 27 chapter love letter of comfort in Isaiah 40.
2. When he began in chapter 40, he promised that “The glory of the Lord would be revealed”. (40:5)
3. In chapters 60-66, Isaiah describes God’s glory to us.
4. In the seven chapters of Isaiah 60-66, Isaiah uses the word “Glory” 23 times.
5. Isaiah chapter 63 is just one more revelation (or description) of what God’s glory revealed means to you and me in our practical lives.

Question: How is “The glory of the Lord” revealed today?

Question: What is “The glory of the Lord” we are to see?

Question: What happens when “The glory of the Lord” is revealed?

Question: Why is it imperative that we experience “The glory of the Lord”?

I. God’s Glory Is Revealed With Power Over Every Sin (Vs. 1-6)

“Who is this that cometh from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?”

(What Is Isaiah Seeing?)

◆ He sees Jesus returning from the battle of Armageddon that climaxes the Day of the Lord. (Revelation 19:11-21)

◆ Edom is used to describe the nations that have oppressed God’s people.

◆ In (vs. 2 & 3), Jesus is described as One treading in a wine press. (why?)

#1. An ancient wine press was a large hollowed rock.

#2. Grapes were placed in the rock for people to tread on.

#3. The juice ran out a hole in the rock and was caught in a vessel.

#4. When the people crushed the grapes, juice would splash on their garments.

#5. Jesus is pictured here with His garments stained with blood resulting from His victory over all enemies. (Revelation 19:13)

“He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood”.

Question: What does this picture of Jesus mean to us?

Answer: It means something powerful and practical:

#1. It means that Isaiah looks ahead and sees Jesus victorious over all your enemies (the world, the flesh and the devil).

#2. It means Jesus would come as an ancient warrior of high rank to deliver His people and accomplish His purpose in you.

#3. It means the enemies of God will be crushed like grapes in a wine press because Jesus is “Mighty to save” (v. 1)

“I will stain all my raiment” (V. 3) means:

◆ Christ through His cross, would redeem us from sin’s penalty.

◆ Christ through His cross, would destroy the power of sin to rule our lives.

◆ Christ through His cross, would free us from the flesh’s ruling power (as He freed Israel from Moab’s power).

(In Plain Vanilla)

◆ Jesus is able to “Tread down” every rising opposition in your life (squeeze it out like juice from a grape) because:

“The Year Of The Redeemed Is Here” (V. 4)

II. God’s Glory Is Revealed With Passion In Our Weakness (Vs. 7-9)

- ◆ “The loving kindnesses of the Lord” (v. 7)
- ◆ “The goodness of the Lord toward Israel” (v. 7)
- ◆ “According to His mercies” (v. 7)
- ◆ “Surely, they are My people” (v. 8)
- ◆ “In His love and pity He redeemed us” (v. 9)
- ◆ “He bare them and carried them all along” (v. 9)

Question: What is Isaiah’s great encouragement here to the Jews and to us?

Answer: “The angel of His presence saved them” (v. 9) **which means:**

- ◆ The Lord manifested His presence to guide and defend Israel all through their journey in the desert. (and)
- ◆ The Lord’s presence is our portion as well to guide, comfort, direct and defend us along the way.

“The Lord has bestowed on us” (v. 7) means:

- ◆ The Lord has been merciful and pitiful to every one of us!
- ◆ The Lord hasn’t given one of us what we really deserve!
- ◆ The Lord has been so good that not one of us should ever complain or murmur!

(“In Our Affliction He Was Afflicted” V.9) Means:

1. God identifies with every trial of the redeemed.
2. God is never unmindful of the steps you take.
3. God has an interest in every activity of your life.
4. God hastens to bring relief when you experience despair or distress.
5. God is touched with whatever touches you.

(“And He Bare Them” V. 9) Means:

- ◆ As a mother carries her injured child,
- ◆ As a shepherd carries a wounded lamb,
- ◆ As an eagle carries her frightened young,

So The Lord...

...sustains His own beloved through every danger, toil and snare to lead you towards the Promise Land!!!

III. God’s Glory Is Revealed With Promises To Trust In (Vs.10-14)

“They rebelled against the Lord, therefore He fought against them, then He remembered Moses”.
(Vs. 10 & 11)

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Israel “Vexed” (grieved) the Holy Spirit of God. (v. 10)
- ◆ God therefore favored Israel’s enemies and saw Israel experience disaster after disaster.

**(But in the midst of Israel's unfaithfulness)
God Was Faithful Again**

#1. God remembers His own

“Then God remembered the days of old” (v. 11)

- ◆ God didn’t forget His promise to Israel, to be their protector and provider.
- ◆ God was broken over Israel's disobedience, yet did not forget that He had made a covenant with them.

Fact: As God remembered Israel (so God remembers you).

#2. God renews His own

“Where is He that put His Holy Spirit within them?” (v. 11B)

- ◆ God seemed to forsake Israel (as the people were abandoned to wickedness).
- ◆ But God was proposed again to impart to them the same Holy Spirit

Fact: As God renewed Israel (so God wants to renew us by the same Holy Spirit).

#3. God rests His own

“As a beast goes down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord caused Israel to rest” (v. 14)

- ◆ As cattle in the heat of the day descend into shade to find rest,
- ◆ So the Lord led Israel in the journey to find rest from every enemy.

Fact: As God rested Israel (so the Lord wants to lead you into green pastures and still waters so you can spiritually lie down and find rest?)

IV. God’s Glory Is Revealed In Prayers That God Will Answer (Vs.15-19)

“Look down from heaven” (v. 15) “O Lord, why...” (V 17)

“Thou Lord art our Father” (v. 15) “Return for thy servant’s sake” (v. 17)

Question: Why this desperate prayer from Isaiah for God to “Return”?

Answer: Because Israel had forfeited God’s glory (by disobedience) and allowed Babylon to trample down the holy place and cause spiritual ruin.

(Has America “Trodden Down God’s Sanctuary”? (V.18)

- ◆ Have we polluted what God intended to be holy?
- ◆ Have we substituted entertainment for edification?
- ◆ Have we allowed a show to replace the sacred?
- ◆ Have we sought after comedy in preference for tears?
- ◆ Have we tolerated form and rejected fire?
- ◆ Have we accepted the artificial and not the genuine?
- ◆ Have we settled for procedure instead of presence?

(What Do We Do?)

- ◆ We remind the Lord that “We are yours” (v. 19)

(Why?)

- ◆ Because God is disposed to “Return to those who submit to His Lordship”.

(“Possessed it but a little while” (v. 18) means:)

- ◆ God yet has so much more to do (and)
- ◆ All He needs is praying people, that will align themselves with what He expects!!!

Practical Application From Isaiah 63:

#1. Is there anything whatsoever in my life that Jesus needs to “Tread upon”
(and overcome?)

#2. Is there any pain, affliction or circumstance in my life that needs to be met with grace from God?

#3. Has the devil been lying to me, telling me that God has forgotten where I am?

#4. Am I spiritually dry; do I need the Lord to pour fresh water of His Spirit upon my thirsty soul?

#5. Have I been forfeiting that spiritual rest in green pastures by still waters?

#6. Am I passionate for God in prayer, to "Return" and minister in a great way in this generation?

#7. Am I willing to do (and respond) to whatever God asks me to do?

AMEN!
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