

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

***WORSHIP - DISCOVERING WHAT
SCRIPTURE SAYS***

**SRMBC Family Bible Study
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**Every Wednesday
8000 Derry Street (Rear)
Harrisburg PA 17111
6:30 pm**

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| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Scripture</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Worship the Lamb | Revelation 4 – 5 | 1/9/2019 |
| For Keeps | Exodus 24:1 – 11 | 1/16/2019 |
| Mercy, Not Sacrifice | Psalms 50 | 1/23/2019 |
| Broken for Me | Mark 14:1 – 11 | 2/6/2019 |
| Plantings Of Praise | Isaiah 61:1 – 11 | 2/13/2019 |
| All to Jesus | Luke 20:20 – 26; 45 – 47: 21:1 – 4 | 2/20/2019 |
| Our Longing Fulfilled | Revelation 21:1 – 8 | 2/27/2019 |

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Worship – Discovering What Scripture Says

Lesson 5: Plantings Of Praise

Isaiah 61:1 - 11

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The Book of Isaiah

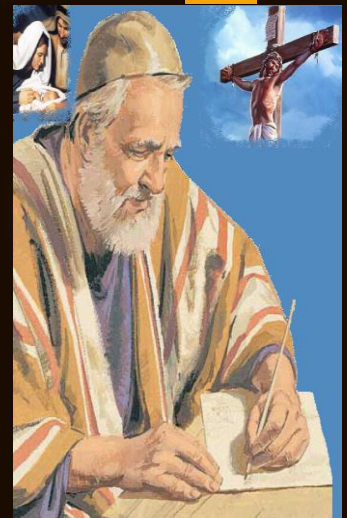
Author: Isaiah 1:1 identifies the author of the book of Isaiah as the Prophet Isaiah.

Date of Writing: The book of Isaiah was written between 739 and 681 B.C.

Purpose of Writing: The Prophet Isaiah was called to prophesy to the Kingdom of Judah during times of revival and rebellion. Isaiah proclaimed a message of repentance from sin and hopeful expectation of God's deliverance in the future.

The Book Of Isaiah Tells Us:

- The book of Isaiah reveals God's judgment and salvation. God is "holy, holy, holy" (Isaiah 6:3), and cannot allow sin to go unpunished (Isaiah 1:2; 2:11-20; 5:30; 34:1-2; 42:25).
- Isaiah portrays God's oncoming judgment as a "consuming fire" (Isaiah 1:31; 30:33).
- More than any other book in the Old Testament, Isaiah focuses on the salvation that will come through the Messiah – Jesus Christ (Isaiah 9:7; 32:1; 53)



The Prophet Isaiah

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Group Discussion: What kinds of things would you say that people in our culture do in order to gain a sense of significance?

The Lion King ("Remember Who You Are")

In Africa, a pride of lions King Mufasa's Sarabi's and their newborn son Simba rule from Pride Rock. Scar, King Mufasa's brother, plots to murder Mufasa and Simba, but Simba escapes.

Now an Adult, He encounters Rafiki, who tells him that Mufasa's spirit lives on in Simba. Simba is visited by the ghost of Mufasa in the night sky, who tells him he must take his rightful place as king.



RaffiKi and Simba

Questions

- Why did Simba need his Father's reminder of who he was/is in the kingdom?
- What keeps some believers from realizing who they are in Christ?
- How does knowing who are help us in offering worship to God?

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Isaiah 61:1-5 (NKJV)

1 "The **Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me**, Because the **Lord has anointed Me** To **preach good tidings** to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2 To **proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord**, And the day of vengeance of our God; To **comfort all who mourn**,

3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To **give them beauty for ashes**, The oil of **joy for mourning**, The **garment of praise** for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called **trees of righteousness**, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

4 And **they shall rebuild the old ruins**, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

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Isaiah 61:6 – 9 (NKJV)

5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 But **you shall be named the priests of the Lord**, They shall call you the **servants of our God**. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast.

7 Instead of your shame **you shall have double honor**, And instead of confusion they shall **rejoice in their portion**. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

8 “For **I, the Lord, love justice**; I **hate robbery** for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant.

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Isaiah 61:9 – 11 (NKJV)

9 Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, **That they are the posterity whom the Lord has blessed.**”

10 **I will greatly rejoice in the Lord**, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me **with the garments of salvation**, He has covered me with **the robe of righteousness**, As a bridegroom **decks himself** with ornaments, And as a **bride adorns herself with her jewels**.

11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes 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.

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1. There are two distinct voices in this passage—the anointed servant (or the prophet) and the Lord who sends the servant. How would you summarize in a sentence the heart of what each one says?

| Scripture 1 | Summary |
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| The Voice Of The Servant (Vv. 1 – 7; 10 – 11) | I have power and authority from the Lord to bring real hope and healing for the poor, the broken, and anyone who is bound or hurting and to healing and make a strong witness to the world and give them a reason to praise the goodness of the Lord. |
| Scripture 2 | Summary |
| The Voice of the Lord (vv. 8 – 9) | I, the Lord see the evil and injustice and I make a solemn promise that I will put an end to it and make things right. This promised blessing will extend your children and your children's children and will be acknowledged by the world. |

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2. What promises does the Lord's servant (and then the Lord) make to those whom he lifts up, heals, sets free and comforts?

The Lord's Servant's Promises

- He promises to bring good news of blessing and judgement of the oppressors of God's people
- He promises to trade our sorrow and pain for His Joy
- He promises us to feed, plant and be a source of praise glory (trophy)
- Whatever was ruined in our lives He will empower us to restore and rebuild.
- Our help will come from areas and people that we cannot currently see or are aware of.
- He shall give us a new name and calling - a place of honor that will amaze those around us.
- The Lord promises to provide greater blessing for us in future – double for our trouble.
- Salvation and joy. Sins forgiven and new life in God (Christ)
- He will provide the care and strength and blessings that provide the reasons to praise Him.

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The Lord's Promises

- The Lord will lead them to be right and do right
- The Lord will make a promise to His people that can never be broken
- This promise is perpetual to all people for generations to come.
- His blessings will be so evident that the Lord is One giving the favor.

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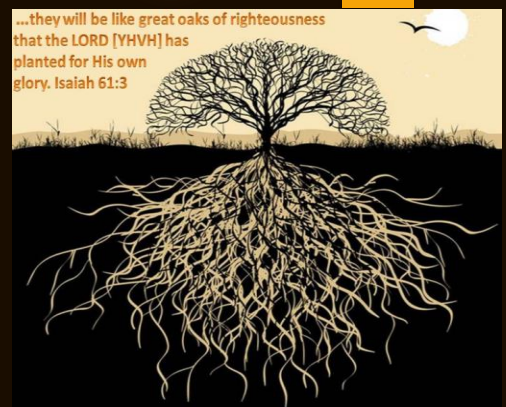
3. How does what the servant brings these suffering people transform them into "oaks of righteousness," and what does this title imply (v. 3)?

Roots/Grounds us in:

- The truth that we are accepted/forgiven in the Lord
- The truth our sadness, our morning over sin will be replaced with the joy our salvation
- The truth that we are not only forgiven but also exalted to the highest place as kings and priests of the Lord.

Oak/Trees of Righteousness

- Trees are the planting not of ourselves but by the Lord
- Oak trees are sturdy – strong and unmovable
- Trees nurture, provides beauty and bring glory to Lord
- Trees receive nourishment from the soil/Lord;
- The word righteousness in Hebrew means rightness or justice
- We have an enduring relationship with the Lord (v. 8), who enables us to remain righteous.



In the immediate context, Isaiah was predicting the return of Israel from exile. This deliverance foreshadowed God's greater rescue of people from our captivity to sin and death through Christ.

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4. When have you seen someone Jesus healed, provided for or set free become a “display of his splendor” to others?



In 1977, heavyweight boxer George Foreman nearly died as the result of a 12-round fight against the great Jimmy Young. After praying to God for a second chance, Foreman committed to becoming a born-again Christian. Today, Foreman ministers at his own church, has founded a youth center.



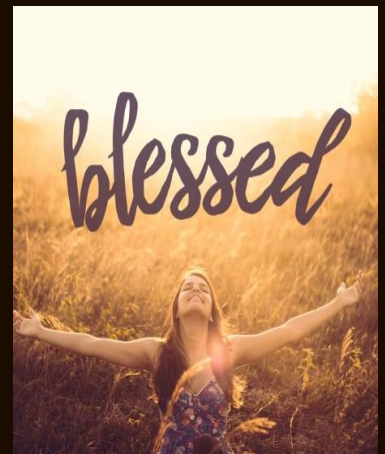
Franklin Graham frequently engages in Christian revival tours and political commentary. He is currently president and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) and of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization. Graham became a "committed Christian"

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5. How does the Lord want his people to be seen by the rest of the world (vv. 8-9)?

- God wants to world to see us a blessed people – because of His great love for us.
- Like an oak tree that stands despite storms, God wants the world to see us as people who have Godly joy no matter what's going on.
- As those with this genuine hope we will be attractive and capture the attention of a hopeless world.

We will be called “blessed” not necessarily because our lives are struggle- and pain-free but because of how we respond to suffering—because we have a relationship with a God who cares.



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6. Why is being “arrayed in a robe of righteousness” cause for such jubilant praise (v. 10)?

- At the center of Christian worship is what Jesus did for us, something we could never have done for ourselves.
- God has dressed us —“as a bridegroom . . . and as a bride.” - Holy and acceptable to Him in the Beloved (Jesus Christ).
- God’s commitment to us is like that promised in a marriage. This is definitely cause for celebration.



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7. From what you see in this passage, what do you think is the relationship between righteousness and praise?

- God is the rich soil from which any act of righteousness or praise will ever grow
- As God cares for us and brings us into relationship with him, we praise him for who he is and what he has done for us (vs.10).

As His “trees of righteousness,” we share with others what God has given to us (justice, righteousness, love and mercy) more praise will be the result.

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8. What clothes from your old life that you need to get rid of? How might emphasizing the garments of salvation and praise encourage you to get rid of them?

- **Anger** – Getting angry when things or people don't go my way.
- **Pride/Selfishness** – Thinking more of myself and less about others (I did it my way!).
- **Depression** – A low view of myself, based on other's words or my own shortcomings.
- **Fear** – Letting my view of the challenges of life keep from moving forward.



Pig-Pen Old



Pig-Pen New

See these old clothes for what they are: pants with too-tight waistlines, flagrant highwaters, a shirt with a huge stain. What do your old clothes look, feel and smell like? **Ask God to take them to the trash!**

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Keys For Living

- When we worship God/Jesus we offer our praise, unrighteousness and mourning and receive His righteousness salvation and joy.
- As we consistently seek God in praise and worship we testify to the world of the awesome greatness of the Lord.
- Praise and worship that puts our focus on Jesus makes us strong steadfast and immovable "oaks of righteousness – planted on the Solid Rock of His Word

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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set free those who are oppressed,
To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”

- Jesus



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