

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

The Lord's Diverse House of Prayer

Isaiah 56:1-8

August 27, 2017

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Isaiah 56:1 Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. [2] Blessed 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.” [3] Let 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.” [4] For thus says the Lord: “To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, [5] I 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— [7] these 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.” [8] The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”</p>	<p>God’s promise of full and final salvation invigorates our passion for God and obedience to Him in the present.</p> <p>I. God invigorates us with the promise of final salvation (1)</p> <p>II. We are branded by trust and obedience (1-2)</p> <p>III. God’s shower of grace transcends all societal barriers (3-8)</p> <p>Memory verse for 2017-</p> <p>Isaiah 48:17</p> <p>Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:</p> <p>“I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.</p>

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Sermon Application Questions

Prayer Requests

1. How does Isaiah 53 (about the finished work of the Servant) inform our understanding of the rest of Isaiah?

This week our family will lift up requests for:

2. Discuss this statement from Alec Motyer-
"Isaiah is not inviting people to seek salvation by their own works of righteousness but urging (along with the rest of the Bible) those who belong to the Lord to devote themselves to the life that reflects what he has revealed to be right."

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

3. How is God's vision for a diverse house of prayer related to the Abrahamic Covenant (see Genesis 12:1-3) and the words of Jesus in John 10:13-16?

4. How is honoring the sabbath be a statement of trust in God? Why would this be important for the Israelites in Babylon?

HFG Notes & Actions:

5. How can Christians honor God in a way that would give witness to Him in the world around us (without being Ned Flanders)?

Next HFG meeting is: