

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

I am the Lord Your Savior [Part 2]

Isaiah 49-50

January 22, 2017

Sermon Text

Isaiah 49:14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." [15] "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. [16] Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. [17] Your builders make haste; your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from you. [18] Lift up your eyes around and see; they all gather, they come to you. As I live, declares the LORD, you shall put them all on as an ornament; you shall bind them on as a bride does. [19] "Surely your waste and your desolate places and your devastated land— surely now you will be too narrow for your inhabitants, and those who swallowed you up will be far away. [20] The children of your bereavement will yet say in your ears: 'The place is too narrow for me; make room for me to dwell in.' [21] Then you will say in your heart: 'Who has borne me these? I was bereaved and barren, exiled and put away, but who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; from where have these come?'" [22] Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and raise my signal to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. [23] Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. With their faces to the ground they shall bow down to you, and lick the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame." [24] Can the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of a tyrant be rescued? [25] For thus says the LORD: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken, and the prey of the tyrant be rescued, for I will contend with those who contend with you, and I will save your children. [26] I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with wine. Then all flesh shall know that I am the LORD your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob." [50:1] Thus says the LORD: "Where is your mother's certificate of divorce, with which I sent her away? Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities you were sold, and for your transgressions your mother was sent away. [2] Why, when I came, was there no man; why, when I called, was there no one to answer? Is my hand shortened, that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, by my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a desert; their fish stink for lack of water and die of thirst. [3] I clothe the heavens with blackness and make sackcloth their covering." [4] 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. [5] The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. [6] I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. [7] But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. [8] He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. [9] Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. [10] Who 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.

Sermon Notes

God counters unbelief and unresponsiveness with revelation about His character and actions

I. Our ever mindful, promise keeping God (49:14-21)

II. Our victorious, gathering God (49:22-26)

III. Our powerful, redeeming God (50:1-3)

Memory verse for 2017-

Isaiah 48:17

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

"I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.

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1. What factors might cause us to be unresponsive or despondent related to God's great promises of grace through Christ?

2. Discuss how 49:14-16 help correct our thinking (and hopefully feelings) about God forsaking us or not being concerned about our situation.

3. In what way does this passage assure the expansion of the Church?

4. How does knowing God's work of redemption will succeed and there will be a great gathering of His people in the final day encourage us now?

5. Discuss the following quotation from Alex Motyer in light of 49:26-

"Those who choose their own way are in the end self-destructive, and it is part of divine justice which rules the world to effect this outcome." - Motyer

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: