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Isaiah Sermon Series

Supports Session 12: God Expects

Sermon Title: "Light at the End of the Tunnel" (Isaiah 60)

Connection to Isaiah 58

In Isaiah 58, the prophet gave a discourse on what true worship is and isn't. False worshipers are still in darkness and are not in a right relationship with God. Chapter 59:9 speaks of the darkness that the world is still in apart from God. Chapter 59 concludes with the emergence of a Warrior who deals with the problem of darkness and launches a worldwide kingdom of light (60:1). This truth is designed to undergird our passion for true worship (chapter 58) and to show us the proper response to the glorious God who controls all of history.

Introduction/Opening

Have you even been in a cave that was completely dark? The darkness is so thick that it can almost be felt. If you have ever been driving in a long tunnel, you just cannot wait to see the real light that begins to emerge as you near the end of the tunnel. This light at the end of the tunnel is what Isaiah has been building toward. Chapter 60 is an amazing prophecy that speaks about Christ's first coming, but the ultimate fulfillment of this chapter is at Christ's second coming. What the wise men did in bringing gifts to Jesus at the beginning of His life is superseded by how the nations will respond to Christ at His return (60:5). God's glory will be manifested in His Kingdom.

Outline

1. God's glory is revealed in the transformation of His people (vv. 1-3).
 - a) Zion—a people not a place? (v. 14)
 - b) How will God's people be transformed?
 - c) How will the nations respond to the transformation of the people?

2. God's glory is revealed in the gathering of His people (vv. 4-9).
 - a) The Kingdom will be populated by all types of people.
 - b) The Kingdom will be enjoyed by all of God's people.
 - c) Why did God do all of this for these people?

3. God's glory is revealed in the humbling of His enemies (vv. 10-14).
 - a) Service
 - b) Security (See Rev. 21:5-6.)
 - c) Submission

4. God's glory is revealed in the completion of His purpose (vv. 15-22).
- a) God is glorified in the joy of His people.
 - b) God is glorified in the praise of His people.
 - c) God is glorified in the removal of sorrow from His people.
 - d) God is glorified in the fulfillment of His promise for His people.

Conclusion

God is absolutely glorious. While His glory may be hidden from those who live in darkness at the present, this will not always be the case. When God establishes His eternal kingdom, God's glory will be put on display for all to see. Salvation does involve individuals, but salvation also involves entire kingdoms. God invites us to come to the Light of the World now so that we can see and become new creations. When we become new creations in Christ, we become part of His ultimate new creation which will involve a new heaven and a new earth. God does all that He does for His own glory. For those that know God, our ultimate aim is to glorify God in the present. God is absolutely worth all of our worship.

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