**GOD PROMISES A JUST KINGDOM 04-26-2020 I S A I A H 61:8-11; 62:2-4**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL (QUARTERLY) DATE S C R I P T U R E S**

**Lesson Title: “What Goes Around Comes Around” Lesson 4 of 13 Lesson 4 of 4 of this Unit**

1. This is the fourth and final lesson from our unit, “**God Promises a Just Kingdom,”** and the only one from the Major Prophet Isaiah.
2. The book of Isaiah was written by the eighth century Major Prophet, Isaiah. **His name means “the Lord saves.”** In his writing, we find both poetry and prose. He was a contemporary of Amos, Hosea, and Micah. The book can be broken down into three sections, 1-39, pre-exilic; 40-55, exilic; and 55-66, post-exilic; called “trito” Isaiah
3. Throughout these 66 chapters, Isaiah speaks of God’s judgment and salvation for both the nation of Israel and Judah.
4. This particular section comes from the Post-exilic era; the time after God has them to return to their native land of Jerusalem. When they return, their homes are ruined, their walls are broken down, and their gates have been burned to the ground, their temple is destroyed—torn down, and God’s people are the laughing stock of the community.
5. When you read chapters 55-66, you see God’s future plans to redeem and to restore the nation of Judah. Because all God has left are just two remaining tribes, the tribes of Judah and the half tribe of Benjamin.

CENTRAL TRUTH OF THE LESSON*: When one can truly sing with inexorable joy because of their confidence in God’s care for them , and the forever belief that the more I go through, suffer, and face hardship, my God loves me; He is going to supply all of my needs according to His riches in heaven, I can Rejoice knowing that the presence of the LORD is here.*

INTRO TO LESSON: *During this pandemic, what is your present state of mine? Are you able to find joy now, or has it escaped you?*

**MAIN THOUGHT:** ***8*** ***For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.* (Isaiah 61:8, KJV).**

# III. TRUTH’S OF THE LESSON: (What thoughts and principles are conveyed per section)

1. **THE LORD’S DELIGHT AND DIRECTIVES [ISAIAH 61:8-9] If and when we are blessed to live, we must also know that there is a great chance that we will face some difficult times, but we must also know that our God is not only a just God, but He is a rewarder, a promise Keeper, and a Father who blesses His own.**
2. **A REASON TO REJOICE [ISAIAH 61:10-11] Every believer should look to the day when our hearts will be so filled with acts of salvation, that he or she will have jubilant praise and justifiable joy to the degree of a bridegroom on his wedding day or the fresh spring blossoms of a carefully planted garden.**
3. **GOD DELIGHTS IN YOU [ISAIAH 62:1-4] what a day it will be when the world and the redeemed of the LORD know without a doubt that God’s love and care for His own is felt because God’s presence is seen and revealed to all.**
* *In Isa. 60:22, The Lord says, “no more will you have to depend on the Sun for your daylight, or the moon for your night light, but I the Lord shall be your light. A little one shall become thousands and a small one a strong nation. I the LORD, Jehovah—Your sovereign created, covenant, care taker God will hasten in its time.*
* This is the reason that He has Isaiah to write in *Isaiah 61:1, the Spirit of the LORD God is upon me, resting in me, empowering Me,* This is the same Spirit, that landed upon Christ when He was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, and some said that it descended like a dove. This is the same Spirit that led Him up into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil for 40 days and 40 nights.
* Verse 8. - For I the Lord love judgment. Either "the Servant" here identifies himself with Jehovah, or he cites a declaration of Jehovah which he has authority to announce.
* *I hate robbery with violence,*as referring to the spoliation which Israel had suffered at the hands of the Chaldæans
* **I will direct their work in truth.**—Better—the word for “work” standing, as in Leviticus 19:13, Ezekiel 29:20, for its reward—*I will appoint their recompense in faithfulness.*
* (10) **I will greatly rejoice . . .**—The speaker is again, as in Isaiah 61:1, the ideal Servant of Jehovah, who identifies himself with the people and slaves.
* As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments.—Literally, *wears a turban*(or *mitre*)*, a special head dress, a priest.*

**IV. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—God’s punishment is just, even when it does not make sense or fell right.**

**V. EXERCISE FOR NEXT WEEK—Lord help me to stand on Your Word and to have patience for deliverance.**

1. **THE LORD’S DELIGHT AND DIRECTIVES [ISAIAH 61:8-9**1 **8**For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. **9**And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed.

**B. A REASON TO REJOICE [ISAIAH 61:10-11]** **10**I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels. **11**For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth 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.

**C. GOD DELIGHTS IN YOU [ISAIAH 62:1-4] Zion's Salvation and New Name)** **1**For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth. **2**And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. **3**Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. **4**Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

**A. THE LORD’S DELIGHT AND DIRECTIVES [ISAIAH 61:8-9**1 **8**“For I, the LORD, love justice. I hate robbery and wrongdoing. I will faithfully reward my people for their suffering and make an everlasting covenant with them. **9**Their descendants will be recognized and honored among the nations. Everyone will realize that they are a people the LORD has blessed.”

**B. A REASON TO REJOICE [ISAIAH 61:10-11]** **10**I am overwhelmed with joy in the LORD my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding or a bride with her jewels. **11**The Sovereign LORD will show his justice to the nations of the world. Everyone will praise him! His righteousness will be like a garden in early spring, with plants springing up everywhere.

**C. GOD DELIGHTS IN YOU [ISAIAH 62:1-4] (Isaiah’s Prayer for Jerusalem)** **1**Because I love Zion, I will not keep still. Because my heart yearns for Jerusalem, I cannot remain silent. I will not stop praying for her until her righteousness shines like the dawn, and her salvation blazes like a burning torch. **2**The nations will see your righteousness. World leaders will be blinded by your glory. And you will be given a new name by the LORD’s own mouth. **3**The LORD will hold you in his hand for all to see— a splendid crown in the hand of God. **4**Never again will you be called “The Forsaken City” or “The Desolate Land.”