
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. ISAIAH

CHAPTERS 40-66

Lesson 7: 52:1-54:17 - Hear and Fear the Name of the LORD

Introduction

Names are very interesting. In some ways, names may tell us about people. In other ways, names may affect what a person ends up being like. Do you have an interesting story behind your name or the names of your children?

Lesson Goal: To praise the name of the LORD for his great salvation

Proclaim his name! (52:1-12)

In verses 1-6, the Lord calls his people to get up because the day is coming in which he will demonstrate the honor of his name. In the past, people mocked God's name. Yet, God would cause people to know his name.

On your own, write down some names of God.

How do people mock God's name?

How can you stand up for the honor of God's name?

Prophetically, God announces that 'on that day' people will know 'I am the one.' What day is God talking about?

The feet of those who proclaim God's name and salvation are beautiful. Who do you know that has 'beautiful feet?'

Name above all names [The Fourth Servant Song] (52:13-53:12)

Because of Jesus' salvation, 'kings would shut their mouths.' Jesus will cause kings to sulk. Jesus is above all kings and authorities. Whether you were happy about the recent election results or upset, how can you react to this fact?

"He had no attractiveness and majesty." Jesus doesn't look like the king that people may desire. In what ways, did Jesus look like the atypical king?

As we can see in verses 4 through 6, the Messiah came to die for his people. This is a different role than many had desired in Jesus' day. (John 6:15) In what ways do people seem to want 'a different Jesus' today?

The Fourth Servant Song is chalked full of beautiful imagery regarding Jesus' suffering and exaltation. Which of these images resonate with you?

Glorify his name! (54:1-17)

With a partner or two, take time to reflect on some of the names given for God in this section. What do these names say about who our God is?

Maker -

Holy One of Israel -

LORD of Armies -

God -

Redeemer -

LORD -

The Second Commandment says, "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." In what ways can someone misuse God's name?

A reason to glorify God's name is the great forgiveness that he has given to us. Let's consider the beauty of the terms for forgiveness used here. (With each of these, consider what aspect makes this statement special.)

"you will not be put to shame"

"you will not be embarrassed"

"You will forget the shame of your youth"

"I will not be angry with you"

"My mercy will not be removed from you."

Conclusion

In response to God's great mercy and love, how can we glorify his name in our lives? _____