

# The Judgment and Blessing of God – A Study in the Book of Isaiah

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## 21 - THE SERVANT BRINGS SALVATION (ISAIAH 54:1-57:21)

### I. Salvation for Israel (Isaiah 54:1-17)

#### A. Numerical growth (Isaiah 54:1-3)

- The barren women are to praise God because they will be fruitful.
- Israel will increase in number and settle in desolate cities.

#### B. The nation re-gathered (Isaiah 54:4-8)

- The Lord will take back Israel like a husband who takes back his wife.
- They were only forsaken for a moment, but he will gather them in great mercies.

#### C. The Lord's promise (Isaiah 54:9-10)

- The Lord will make a promise to them as he did with Noah after the flood.
- Even though the mountain may depart, he will not remove his kindness from Israel.

#### D. Israel's future (Isaiah 54:11-17)

- Jerusalem will be rebuilt with precious stones.
- Their children will be taught by the Lord himself.
- They will be established in righteousness and not be ruled by fear.
- No enemy will rise up against Israel again.

### II. Salvation for the Gentiles (Isaiah 55:1-13)

#### A. The invitation to come (Isaiah 55:1-2)

- The Lord calls anyone who is seeking to come to him for true satisfaction.
- He asks why they are seeking fulfillment from that which cannot bring it.

#### B. The covenant (Isaiah 55:3)

- The Lord states that he will make an everlasting covenant with the one who comes to him.

#### C. Messiah's rule over the nations (Isaiah 55:4-5)

- The Lord gave the Messiah to the people as a leader and commander.

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- Many nations will come to Jerusalem to worship the Lord because of the Messiah.

## D. Salvation available to all (Isaiah 55:6-13)

- The prophet calls the reader to seek the Lord while he may be found.
- The wicked are call to turn from their sin and go to the Lord who forgives.
- The Lord's thoughts and ways are not like our own.
- The Lord's words will accomplish what he pleases it do.
- There will be peace, joy and abundance as the curse of the garden is removed.

## III. Blessings for the Gentiles (Isaiah 56:1-8)

### A. The command (Isaiah 56:1-2)

- The reader is urged to do what is right because salvation is coming.

### B. The promise of blessings (Isaiah 56:3-8)

- People who are outside of the covenant should not think there is no blessing if they follow the Lord.
- The Lord will bless them and give them an everlasting name.
- The Lord will gather with Israel the Gentiles who follow him.

## IV. Judgment of the Wicked (Isaiah 56:9-57:21)

### A. The call to punish Israel (Isaiah 56:9-12)

- The Lord calls the Gentile nations to devour Israel because of her blindness.
- Their leaders were consumed with their own lusts and did not see the coming judgment.

### B. The plight of the righteous (Isaiah 57:1-2)

- The righteous had to endure the frustration of evil around them.

### C. Involvement in false religions (Isaiah 57:3-10)

- The Israelites involved themselves with the worship of false gods.
- They sacrificed their children and worshipped idols in the sacred groves.
- They sent others to worship foreign gods.

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- Even in spite of hardship, they continued to sin by worshipping idols.

### D. Forgetfulness concerning God (Isaiah 57:11-13)

- The Israelites forgot the Lord because he was supposedly silent.
- The Lord will expose the true nature of their righteousness.
- The Lord mocks them when he states that they should cry out to idols who can do nothing for them.

### E. The promise of forgiveness (Isaiah 57:14-21)

- The Lord, who is high and lofty, will fellowship with the lowly and contrite.
- The Lord's anger does not last forever.
- Even though he was harsh with them, he will forgive.
- However, there is no peace for the unrepentant wicked.