

Consolations of the King

Isaiah 41:8-20

"...Fill with Thy Spirit Till all shall see Christ only, always,
Living in me!" Hymn #388 Great Hymns of the Faith

Into the Lesson:

Spend some time revisiting the portion from Lane's sermon regarding the various contexts of the "Servant":

Israel-
The Messiah-
Cyrus (and the nature of "predictive prophecy")-
Us-

And what is the "Servant" supposed to do? -
What the Master tells them to do (for those who didn't take notes).

Into the Word:

As you read Isaiah 41:8-20, keep in mind Sam's quote, *"There is an invitation to comfort for God's children/servant, but He puts Himself on trial to show that He is worthy."*

Sam also suggested revisiting Isaiah 40:1-31 (It seems like the Hardy's know the value of being In the Word).

How readily would the people in Isaiah's time and even in Jesus' time have understood the concept and "status" of servanthood (vv.8-9)?

How does II Corinthians 1:3-11 provide us with a "more modern" example of the comfort provided the servant of God?

Does Philippians 4:7-9 seem like a parallel passage to Isaiah 41:10-13?

Respond to Sam's statement, *"The Lord's presence is the antidote to fear."*

From Sam's sermon, commentaries or Bible margin notes, how does the contrast between vv. 14 & 15 provide a picture of how the world views Israel/the servant?

How does this transformation play out for the Nation of Israel from the perspective of their return from captivity?

And from the "Fragility of Mankind" that Lane spoke of last week?

How does Sam's quote, *"All of this is for the purpose of showing the whole world that it is the work of the Lord"*, provide the next steps in the transformation process?

Into Life:

What are some of the indications that we live in a culture that tends to look on "Things of God" as worms to be stomped on?

How has this led to a type of captivity that many may not even be aware of?

And how can we begin the process of leading them to a better place?

How does II Corinthians 1:3-7 provide the template to begin the process of freeing others from their "captivity"?

Will they always accept it? Should that stop us from trying?

II Corinthians 1:3-7

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

This Week's Songs:

This Is My Father's World (Hymn #66)
Father Let Me Dedicate (Be Glorified)
How Deep The Father's Love (Hymn #223)
Your Glory / Nothing But The Blood
But For The Cross Of Christ (Hymn #169)

