

Life-Study of Isaiah Summary – Messages 6 to 10

The Salvation of Jehovah to His Beloved People and the Nations

In Isaiah 6:1-7 we have a vision of **Christ in glory**. In spite of the rebellion, iniquities, and corruptions of Israel, His chosen and beloved people, **Christ is still sitting on a high and lofty throne in glory**. These verses indicate that no matter what the situation might be on earth and regardless of the corruption and degradation among God's people, Christ is still on the throne in His glory. In the church life, we need to learn not to look down at the situation but to **look up to Christ**.

In chapters 7 and 8, we have the sign of Christ's incarnation given in God's dealing with the **unbelief** of Ahaz, king of Judah. Because Ahaz did not ask for a sign from Jehovah, the Lord Himself gave a sign in Isaiah 7:14. The **fulfillment** of the sign given by God to Ahaz was the **Lord's incarnation**, which issued in Immanuel (God with us) for the salvation of God's people. Immanuel includes the Saviour, the Redeemer, the Life-giver and the all-inclusive Spirit. Christ the Immanuel becomes a sanctuary (dwelling place) to God's people, yet a smiting stone to smash the image in Daniel 2 and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel.

According to the divine revelation in the Bible, God made a **plan**, and this plan is His **eternal economy**. However, Satan has come in to cause a great deal of **damage** in his attempt to frustrate God from accomplishing His eternal economy. Satan's way is to use the **nations**—the human beings created by God but not chosen by Him—to frustrate God's eternal purpose. According to the divine revelation, the first nation used by Satan to frustrate God from accomplishing His eternal economy was Babel which was eventually enlarged to become **Babylon**. Babylon in the Old Testament was physical, but the Babylon in the New Testament is spiritual. Praise the Lord that Christ is the **smiting stone** to smash the nations into pieces.

The Unveiling of Christ as the Great Light and the Wonderful One

In Isaiah 9:1-5 Christ is unveiled as the **great light**. The first group of Christ's followers, the beginning of God's New Testament elect, the one hundred twenty in Acts 1 and 2, were all from Galilee. **Galilee of the nations was a despised place, but today we need to respect Galilee because it is the source of the church**. The prophecy given in Isaiah 9:2 was fulfilled in Matthew 4. Actually, the fulfillment of this prophecy is continuing even today. Jesus is still visiting the "Galileans" to gain the despised people. If those who occupy high positions in society would be saved, they must become those who are in the despised region of Galilee.

Verses 6 and 7 unveil Christ as the **wonderful One**. Every item of what Christ is, is wonderful. We can never exhaust our telling of what He is. He is the wonder in the entire universe; thus, He is wonderful.

Chapter 10 deals with Jehovah's **judgment** on the kingdom of Isarel and His judgment on Assyria. If we would know how to enjoy Christ, we must first know our real situation. **Our real situation is not good, because we are under the judgment of God**. If we would enjoy Christ as our salvation, we must realize that we are under God's judgment. Because the kingdom of Israel had fallen to the extent that it was on the level of the Gentile nations, Isarel was not only under God's chastisement but also under His judgment. **Only after the judgment would there be the return and release of Israel**. (Life-Study of Isaiah – Messages 6 to 10)