

## Life-Study of Isaiah Summary – Messages 31 to 35

### Christ as the Servant of Jehovah

The first part of Isaiah 61 refers to the Lord's ministry in His first coming, and the second part refers to the restoration of Israel in His second coming. In God's eyes the Lord's two comings are two aspects which show one unique coming of Christ.

The restoration of Israel and of all things brought in by Christ as the Servant of Jehovah consummates in the new heaven and new earth. In the new heaven and new earth, there will be only two peoples. First, there will be the **New Jerusalem**, composed of the believers and the Jews, God's sons as the royal family to rule over the nations and as the priests to serve God forever. Second, there will be the **nations**, who will not be regenerated but only restored and who will live on the earth outside the New Jerusalem to be God's people.

### Christ Being the Shoot of Jehovah and the Fruit of the Earth

Isaiah's central point is to show us how God made **Christ the centrality and universality of His great move for the accomplishment of His economy**. This is why Isaiah reveals so many items of Christ. In chapter 4 Christ is the **Shoot of Jehovah** and the **Fruit of the earth**. Christ as God came from eternity, but as man He came from the earth, so He is the Shoot of Jehovah and also the Fruit of the earth.

The **Shoot of Jehovah** is a new development of Jehovah God for **His increase and spreading through His incarnation**. Christ as the Shoot of Jehovah is for the branching out of Jehovah God, in His divinity into humanity. Christ is also the Fruit of the earth. As the **Fruit of the earth**, Christ was a man born of human blood and flesh from the earth. Christ as the Fruit of the earth is for the **multiplication and reproduction of the divine life in humanity**.

In verses 5 and 6 Christ is seen as a **covering canopy of glory** and an **overshadowing tabernacle of grace**. Christ as a **covering canopy of glory** is the **divine glory covering all the interests of Jehovah God in His holy mountain**. The **overshadowing tabernacle of grace** is Christ in His humanity, which expresses His divinity. Christ is the canopy to cover God's interests, and He is also a tabernacle to be our **shade and our refuge**.

### The Requirements for Partaking of Christ

The first requirement is that **God's chosen people have escaped**, having been released from captivity. Second is to **live and remain in a holy life in God's chosen place**. Today the local church is Zion, and the Body of Christ is Jerusalem. Third, we must be **chosen by God according to His record of life**. Fourth, **the filth should be washed away and the bloodstains should be cleansed away** by the Lord with His judging and burning Spirit.

### Christ Seen in His Divine Glory with His Human Virtues Held in His Holiness

In chapter 6 Christ is seen in His **divine glory with His human virtues held in His holiness**. He is the God in glory sitting on the throne. Because He is wearing a long robe, He is also a man. His human virtues are signified by the long train of His robe. His human virtues are filling the temple. The glory filling the earth is universal, and the robe filling the temple is local.

### A Child of Both the Divine and Human Natures

The child born of the virgin is Jesus and Immanuel, and this child is the gift given as the Son. This Son is the Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Eternal Father, and the Prince of Peace. He is Jehovah our Saviour to save us from sin into Himself, and He is Immanuel, God with us. The wonderful One we possess and enjoy today is Jesus, Jehovah the Saviour, and Immanuel. **Jesus is everything!**

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