

## Life-Study of Isaiah Summary – Messages 46 to 50

### The Servant of Jehovah

#### As a Covenant to the People and a Light to the Nations

Christ is the very covenant given to us by God. He is not only the **covenant** but also the **light**. The covenant was given to God's chosen people, Israel, and the light was given to the nations. **Both Israel and the nations are fully qualified to inherit Jesus Christ as the covenant and to enjoy Him as the light.** Isaiah says twice in chapters 42 and 49 that God has given Christ to us as our covenant. This means that God's salvation, blessings, and all of God's riches have been covenanted to us, and this covenant is just Christ.

Jesus Christ became a covenant to us. As a covenant, **He is a surety of God being the inheritance to His people.** This covenant is a guarantee. It guarantees that God Himself is our inheritance. Furthermore, **the Spirit's sealing is to seal us as God's inheritance.** We are God's inheritance, not poor sinners. Legally speaking, we sinners, who offended God to the uttermost, could not inherit anything of God. But Christ fulfilled all the requirements of God's righteousness for us. Christ's commission is also to be a light to the nations. This light is the light of life to enliven man for regeneration.

**Christ as our covenant takes care of God's righteousness, and Christ as our light releases God's life into us.** Now based on the righteousness of God and in the life of God, we enjoy God as our inheritance. This, in totality, is God's full salvation to us. The way to receive and enjoy such a full salvation of God, constituted of Christ, the Servant of Jehovah, as the covenant and the light to us, God's elect, is to **exercise our spirit**, to **live according to our spirit**, and to remain in our spirit, with which is the very Christ, by calling on Christ our Lord's name.

#### The Arm of Jehovah, the Reigning God, and the Exalted Christ

Christ as the Servant of Jehovah is mainly for Israel's return and restoration. Is Israel's return and restoration, the all-inclusive Christ is, first, the **arm of Jehovah**, second, the **reigning God**, and third, the **exalted Christ**. The arm of Jehovah signifies the **strength of Jehovah**. The reigning of God is to **restore Zion** by Jehovah, to **comfort His people**, and to **redeem Jerusalem** by Jehovah. In the future the returned and restored Israel will know Him as the exalted Christ. They will know Christ in the New Testament sense.

#### Revealed in the New Testament Economy

Isaiah 52 and 53 reveals Christ as the Servant of Jehovah not in the Old Testament economy but in the New Testament economy. Isaiah's word in chapter 53 indicates that the prophets preached the New Testament gospel in the New Testament economy, but no one believed their report. This report first reveals Christ as the **incarnated Savior** who lived a suffering and sorrowful life. Second, Christ was revealed as the **crucified Redeemer**. Third, the report unveils Christ as the **resurrected Life-giver**. Fourth, Christ is unveiled as the **ascended Victor**.

The first stage of Christ, the stage of **incarnation**, was not a part of His redemption. Christ is our Savior, and He did redeem us, but His incarnation by itself was not His redemption. **As the complete God, Christ became a perfect man.** As a perfect man, Christ lived a lowly and sorrowful human life, which fully qualified Him to be the Savior to save fallen men. In the stage of His **crucifixion** Christ died a vicarious death for sinners. Christ's death was not merely a murder, not was it a martyrdom; it was a **redemption carried out by the Substitute for God's chosen people.**

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