

Glory of the Lord in Us

Isaiah 62:1-5

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Isaiah 62:1-5 (NIV)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. ² The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. ³ You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. ⁵ As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

v1 – When will Jerusalem's vindication shine out like the dawn?

When the Babylonian captivity is over and Jerusalem is again functioning as the capital of Israel. But ultimately this will be fulfilled during the Millennial Kingdom.

What is the application here to God's people today?

Our salvation will certainly stand out *like a blazing torch* when we receive our glorified, resurrected bodies.

Matthew 13:43 – *The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father*

Will we literally shine in our resurrected bodies?

Maybe when we're in the physical presence of the Lord. Jesus didn't shine on earth after His resurrection so there's no reason to believe we will either. Christ's body appeared so earthly and normal that the disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't notice He was the resurrected Lord (Luke 24:13-24). Of course, in the eternal state, Jesus will shine:

Revelation 21:23 – *The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*

How will the vindication of Israel impact the nations?

When God lifts up Zion, then the nations see it and are brought to trust in the LORD themselves.

- The work God would do for Jerusalem was intended to have an effect on more than just Jerusalem but would extend to the Gentiles.

Why will Israel be called by a new name?

Jerusalem will be so transformed that she will be called by a new name. Since the LORD is the author of the transformation, He is also the author of the new name (which the LORD will name).

- The thought is extended in Isaiah 62:4, where the LORD "exchanges" the old names of Jerusalem for her new names of glory and security.

Who else will the Lord give new names?

The idea of a new name also extends to Christians...

Revelation 2:17 – *To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.*

In heaven, when our transformation is complete, we will receive a new name that matches our completely transformed nature...

Revelation 3:12 – *He who overcomes... I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.*

v3 – What is this crown of glory (or splendor) Jerusalem will receive?

Jerusalem will be so special to God that He will regard it as a crown of glory.

- The revived Jerusalem will reflect God's glory because it reveals God's faithfulness to His promises to Israel. Despite their unfaithfulness to Him, He was faithful.
- We may be familiar with the idea that we will receive a crown; it is deeper and wonderful to consider that we will be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD.
- Paul expresses a similar idea...
Ephesians 1:18 – *the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints*

What are the riches of the glory in God's inheritance?

The believer should understand what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

- The idea is not of our inheritance in the LORD, but of His inheritance in us.
- We often have only a superficial understanding of how precious we are to God.

v4 – Why would Jerusalem no longer be called *Deserted* (or *Forsaken*) and *Desolate*?

Jerusalem knew the experience of war, defeat & desolation. God’s people knew what it was like to feel Forsaken and Desolate, so it is as if they could take those names.

How does *Hephzibah* and *Beulah* describe Israel during the Millennial Kingdom?

There will come a day when Zion and God’s people will know that God delights in them (*Hephzibah* means “My delight is in her”). There will come a day when Zion and God’s people will know the unbroken presence and love of God, as a wife should know the presence and love of her husband (*Beulah* means “Married”).

v5 – How does “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride” describe the Lord’s love for His people?

God’s people will know how much the LORD loves them. His feeling towards them is more than an obligation-type love; instead, He will rejoice over you.

Zephaniah 3:17 – The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.

How can we describe the love God has for His people?

Ephesians 3:18-19 – may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God

We cannot fully comprehend this... God’s love for us is beyond what we can imagine in our mortal minds. Indeed, we will be spending all eternity to better understand this.

What does it mean that God is love (1 John 4:8)?

Love is an attribute of God. Love is a core aspect of God’s character, His Person.

- God’s love is in no sense in conflict with His holiness, righteousness, justice, or even His wrath. All of God’s attributes are in perfect harmony.
- Everything God does is loving, just as everything He does is just and right. God is the perfect example of true love.

If God is love, why isn’t His presence more obvious?

In love, God does not force Himself on anyone. Those who come to Him do so in response to His love.

- This life is an opportunity to respond to God’s revelation; those who do will spend eternity with Him, those who don’t will be separated from Him.

How has God revealed Himself to humanity?

The Bible tells us that God reveals Himself to humans in four primary ways:

1. The creation reveals the Creator.
2. Our consciences (the human mind and heart) bear witness to God.
3. He reveals Himself to us through His Word
4. He also revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and His earthly proxy during this Age, the Holy Spirit.

The first two ways that God reveals Himself to us are general and limited. But the second two avenues of revelation are personal, full, and complete.

How do we respond to God’s revelation of Himself?

Ephesians 2:8-9 – For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

We respond to the faith He has given us to believe in His provision for salvation.

Romans 1:17 – The just shall live by faith.

If God is love, why are there things God hates?

God’s nature is love—He always does what is best for others—and He hates what is contrary to His nature—He hates what is contrary to love.

- We are created in the image of God so we naturally hate things that destroy what we love.
- When the Bible does speak of God’s hatred, the object of His hatred is sin and wickedness.

Are there people that God hates?

Sin cannot be separated from the sinner except by the forgiveness available in Christ alone.

- God hates lying, yes, but lying always involves a person—a liar—who chooses to lie. God cannot judge the lie without also judging the liar.

Before a person repents and believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, he is the enemy of God...

Colossians 1:21 – And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

Yet, even before a person is saved, he is loved by God:

Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

What applications come to mind from our discussion?

- Christians will radiate the glory of the Lord in our resurrected bodies.
- We are precious to the Lord; His inheritance is in us.