

Closing: A Spirit-empowered Community (60:21-22)

A. The least and the smallest...

When the least and smallest come to me, I will hasten to do it gladly!

- Mark 9:23, 29

B. Armour for prayer (Ephesians 6:10-18)

LIVE THE STORY

We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.

- Why is Isaiah 59:15-21 important for understanding Isaiah 60?
- Isaiah 60:1-3 uses the metaphor of sunrise and dawn. What do you think of with these metaphors? What do you think they would have meant to the audience of Isaiah?
- How does this chapter speak of complete reversal? What are some ways this applies to us in our release from captivity to sin? How have you experienced this?
- What aspect of this text most effected you?
- What are the nations doing that come? How are they participating in the life of this community? Who are the nations?
- How does this text speak of the reign of grace over the reign of sin and death? How does this speak to you?
- What do you think of the statement: *We are those called from darkness to light; we are those going through the gates and building up the temple?*
- If Isaiah 60 is one way to describe what we are called to, how can you possibly live up to the calling you have received?

The Servant's Spirit-empowered Community

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Text: Isaiah 60

Introduction: The Warrior Deliverer Comes with His Spirit

A. Poetry

B. Context

i. Isaiah: Captivity and Deliverance (Salvation)

ii. Immediate Context: Prayer of Contrition (59:9ff)

a) The Warrior Savior

b) The Coming of the Spirit

- Chapter 60 is possible because of 59:21.

- What does the Spirit empowered/filled community look like?

I. Light Has Come (60:1-4, 19-20)

A. When the Spirit comes it is the beginning of a new day.

B. Light represents salvation (19-20)

i. Isaiah 5:30; 8:22; 9:2

ii. John 1:4

C. No sun or moon

- i. Genesis 1:16; 8:22

Those who mourn their sin are living in a new day, no longer under the same rules (sin and death). No longer does a blackened sun, or a blood red moon (signs of catastrophe) mean darkness for these people. All is light in the Lord!

- ii. This is about complete reversal!

- iii. The complete opposite of captivity; the complete opposite of what it is like to be under the wrath of God!

II. Nations Have Come (60:3-9)

A. *Nations will come to your light, kings to the brightness of your dawn.*

B. Isaiah has come full circle

- i. Isaiah 2:3-6

- ii. Isaiah 6 w/ 59:21.

III. Rebuilding Has Begun

A. The nations are bringing people, bringing wealth and building materials, and bringing sacrifices.

- i. Sons and daughters are being carried on their arms. (4)

- ii. Day or night the gates never shut (11).

B. The nations are rebuilding and serving. (10)

C. God is adorning His Temple with beauty! (7, 9, 13, 21)

D. Paul captures many ideas and images of this chapter and weaves them into Ephesians.

- i. Ephesians 2:11-14

- ii. Ephesians 2:22

- iii. Ephesians 4:1-3

- iv. Eph 4:16-18

- v. Ephesians 5:8-14