

NEWSLETTER 2024-3

To: My Fellow Saints and Well-Wishers

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Re: **The LORD'S Glory Will Rest Upon His People! (Isa. 60:1)**

“Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! [Zech. 8:23].” (Isa. 60:1 Amp. Bible).

As God enables me, I will by His grace presents to you that which He has laid on my heart, all to His honor and His glory. Originally, these newsletters were designed to briefly presented, yet God moves according to His will and we will obey as He leads. My greatest desire it that all who read these Newsletters or access the website will be blessed and that we will all continue serving God and loving one another as one, irrespective of different denomination or any other factor, **in essence, Beloved, we are one in the Spirit we are one in the LORD and may He be glorified in ALL that we do!!**

Isaiah 60:1 happens to have been my memory verse for the week of February 18th through 24th, 2024, and I was strongly impressed by God to share it in one of my newsletters. A more detailed presentation is not possible and I will do my best to be brief and pray that you will be richly blessed.

Overview of Isaiah 60

Isaiah 60 is a chapter that encourages people to perceive just what God has done, and will do and that they will not become discouraged by the darkness around them. **In essence, the chapter's message is one that challenges people to the extent that they should be awestruck at God's amazing work and the more aware that they become they will continue to give themselves more and more to Him!** Note two specific commands in Isaiah 60: (a) **“Arise and Shine”** (v. 1) (b) **“Lift up your eyes all around you and see”** (v. 4).

It should be remembered that what we have presented in Isaiah 60, follows a most depressing picture as noted in chapter 59. Included in the general message for Isaiah 60, note also that verses 1-2 help us to become aware of the goodness of God towards His people. This awareness is a reversal of the heart-breaking situation noted in chapter 59, in particular Vv. 1-8, 9-15. Oh, Beloved, all around we may see darkness and seemingly hopeless situations but God's breakthrough will be realized, He is always there and will not fail us (Psa. 121; 42:5, 11; 43:5; etc.)

The following is a partial quote by Ross E Price . . . from his summary on Isaiah 60:

“After the prophet has patiently performed his weary task of painting the darkness and misery of the sins of his people and brought them hope and assurance of divine forgiveness, he turns to a

*portrait of the possibilities of grace concerning the new city of God wherein all are transformed by grace and made righteous. The triumphs of grace have glorified the city of God, which now becomes the acknowledged center of the world. **The inhabitants of this city are a society of justified and sanctified souls among whom peace reigns and grace is abundant. To it are streaming the nations of the world to worship there and to enjoy its blessings.***" (Emphasis mine).

Divisions for Isaiah 60

I have identified four major divisions in the chapter:

1. Dawning of God's Glory (60:1-3).
2. Delight and Desire for the City of Zion (60:4-9).
3. Devoted to the Task of Rebuilding and Re-establishing (60:10-18).
4. Divine Presence Engulfs the City (60:19-22).

THE EXPOSITION

*For this presentation, I will briefly comment on **Isaiah 60:1**.*

The LORD'S Glory Will Rest Upon His People.

1. **Stand Up! Isa. 60:1a**

"Arise . . ." (60:1a NKJV)

"Arise": is both a Hebrew and Aramaic verb meaning "to stand, arise." As used in Isa. 60:1, various definitions have been presented, for example: (a) To become powerful (b) Come on the scene (c) To maintain oneself in a certain position (d) To be established (e) To take a stand (f) Etc.

"Arise": This is evidently addressed to the church, or Zion, regarded as the church, the place where God secures His people from the evils in the world. As noted in our text (Isa. 60) it is represented as having been in a state of affliction and calamity (**see Isa. 3:26, 52:1-2**). She is now called on to **arise** from the dust, stand up and impart to others the rich privileges which were conferred on her.

Isa. 60:1a Amplified Bible

"Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life] . . ."

The people are to **rise up and shine**, as a response to God's glory and the light arriving in their midst. The world has come into darkness; but God is doing something about it ... **arise!!**

- (a) Arise, the Light of the world has come (John 6:12; etc.).
- (b) Arise, let your light shine (Matt. 5:14-15; etc.).
- (c) Arise and be ambassadors of the Good News (2 Cor. 5:20a; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15 etc.).

(d) Etc.

2. Shine Isa. 60:1b

"... shine ..." (60:1b NKJV).

"Shine" or "be enlightened. It has been noted that the original text reads as: "Be enlightened for your light has come." Another source puts it as: "Pass into a state of light, that is, enjoy light thyself and impart freely to others."

The message being conveyed here is: **"Rise now from a state of obscurity and darkness! Enter into light; enter into times of prosperity! Do not continue in a state of despair, maintaining an attitude believing there is no hope, no solution to the prevailing situation. Be illuminated with God's glory!! Rise and Shine and glorify Him!!"**

World conditions may be discouraging but cast off the gloom and doom and **shine** as a beaming light on a hill! Be awakened and let the light shine before others, some struggling soul may be rescued, may be saved! This is a call to be enlightened with light and glory (Isa. 60:19; Acts 26:18). **"Shine Beloved"** in other words **"Be Radiant"**

Isa. 60:1b Amplified Bible

"... Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord,) ..."

3. Summons to Transformed Radiance Isa. 60:1c

"... For your light has come! ..." (60:1c NKJV)

The **light** here referred to is evidently that of the gospel; and when the prophet says that **"light** is come," he throws himself into the future times, and sees in vision the Messiah as having already come, and as pouring the light of salvation on a darkened church and world (see Isa. 9:2).

In Scripture, the coming of the Messiah is described as the appearance of great light or the manifest presence of God's glory among His people; nations and rulers will come to Him because of the brightness of His light (note carefully Isa. 60:1-3). The New Testament application of this prophecy is the incarnation of Christ (John 1:4-5, 9, 14-17) and His anointed ministry in Galilee (Matt. 4:12-17 NB Vv. 16-17). **Ever since the great missionary thrust of the gospel began in New Testament times, this prophecy is being fulfilled.**

Time is limited, but I must include **one Hebrew definition for "light"**:

"One day God who is clothed with light (a manifestation of His splendor will replace the light of the heavens with His own light (Psa. 104:2; Isa. 60:19 c.f. Rev. 21:23; 22:25." (Strong's Dictionary).

See also my April 2024 Newsletter, NB Page 5 . . . also available on my website.

4. **Sovereign Presence of the Almighty God Isa. 60:1d**

“. . . And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.” (60:1d NKJV)

Glory of the LORD: reference here is made without doubt to the Shekinah (Shechinah) or visible splendor which usually accompanied the manifestation of God to His people (see Isa 4:5; Ex. 13:21-22; Chron. 7:1; etc.).

As Jehovah manifest Himself in visible glory to the Israelites during their journey to the Promise Land (Ex. 14:21-22; **24:16-18; 40:34**; etc.), likewise, He would manifest Himself in the times of the Messiah as the glorious protector and guide of His people. The Divine character and perfections would be manifested like the sun rising over a darkened world (**Isa. 9:2-7**; Matt. 4:16; Acts 26:18; John 8:12).

Beloved, just as the rising sun dispels all dark clouds, even so the glory of God dispels all darkness and hopelessness with His splendor. His greatness assures the worth of mankind; He is the All Powerful who cares for His most valuable creation (**see Psalms 8**).

“And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you” (Isa. 60:1c): Irrespective of any prevailing world conditions, God’s glory will rest upon you in contradistinction to other nations and people. They will see and greatly desire your blessings, as noted in Zech. 8:23 ... there we have seen the nations desire for the True and Living God, even so the Church redeemed out of darkness and hopelessness will be a radiant light desired by many; this is possible because of the glory of God **upon** His people (**John 17:22-26; Col. 1:27**; Rom. 11:36; Heb. 1:3; etc.).

Beloved, we will not deny the facts of prevailing conditions in the world but it is important to remember who we are in Jesus Christ!! **Indeed, what a mighty God we serve!!!**

Isaiah 61:1 Amplified Bible

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Beloved! Be blessed by a wonderful hymn of old:

Heaven Came Down

By John W. Peterson

Oh, what a wonderful day, day I will never forget;

After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Savior I met.
 O what a tender compassionate friend, He met the need of my heart;
 Shadows dispelling with joy I am telling; He made all the darkness depart.

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Heaven came down and glory filled my soul, (filled my soul)
 When at the cross the Savior made me whole; (made me whole)
 My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day,
 Heaven came down and glory filled my soul! (filled my soul).

Born of the Spirit with life from above into God's family divine,
 Justified fully thru Calvary's love, O what a standing is mine!
 And the transaction so quickly was made; when as a sinner I came,
 Took of the offer, of grace He did proffer, He saved me, O praise His dear name!

Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;
 I have a future in heaven for sure there in those mansions sublime.
 And it's because of that wonderful day, when at the cross I believed;
 Riches eternal and blessings supernal, from His precious hand I received.

Website Update

Psalm 40, Parts A and B along with the answers for review questions have been downloaded to the website; Psalm 40 will be the final lesson for **"Selected Psalms Phase 1."** I will commence **"Selected Psalms Phase 2,"** which consists of psalms from **"Book 2 of the Psalms"** (Book 2 of the psalms consists of 31 psalms, 42 to 72), as in "Selected Psalms Phase 1," I will be discussing **only selected psalms.** Initially, I will present some of the selected psalms for Phase 2 and break so that I can present a miniseries on **"Love"**; this series on **"Love"** has been strongly impressed on my heart by God for a long while and upon completion I will return to **"Selected Psalms Phase 2."**

Father's Day Greetings will be sent to all contacts; all who are not fathers, please pass the greetings along to others, and may God be glorified in all that we do.

Please accept my apologies for the error noted in my **Mother's Day Greetings:** in particular as it related to the date, I wrote the Poem ... **it was written early AM April 29th 2024 (between 12:00am and 3:00am) and not May 29th.**

You are ALL dearly loved and highly appreciated!! God continue to richly bless you and your wonderful family!!

Beloved Saints, let us: RISE! SHINE! GIVE GOD THE GLORY! RISE! SHINE, GIVE GOD THE GLORY!!!

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