

Beulah Baptist Church
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Sunday School Lesson
June 26, 2022
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Lesson—God Offers Deliverance

Text: Isaiah 51:1-8

I. Aim for Change/Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, we will...

1. *EXAMINE* Isaiah's example of God's rich faithfulness in Israel's spiritual history;
2. *TRUST* God even when others speak disparagingly about our faith; and
3. *SHARE* the goodness and deliverance of God with others.

Key Verse— "*Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*"
(Isaiah 51:1, KJV)

Lesson Song of Praise and Worship: "*Deliverance*" by Fred Hammond

II. People Places and Times

Abraham and Sarah. Abraham did not always follow God's plan as God had intended. On occasion, he and Sarah both seemed to have an urge to give God a helping hand. At other times, the two acted out of cowardice, not out of faith in the God who called them. From the time of his call, Abraham had no knowledge of where he would be going. He stepped out on the word of God. He never stopped believing in God's purpose, even when it seemed that everything was working against him.

Eden. The name Eden is derived either from the Hebrew root word meaning "to be fruitful, plentiful" or from a Sumerian word meaning "steppe, flatland." After creating the entire universe, God consecrated the particular garden called Eden as a place of paradise and worship. He placed His newly created human beings to care for it, and communed with them there.

Background

Even though the Israelites are worried that foreign countries will conquer them, God reassures His people He is willing, able, and capable of providing for their release from their captives. In Isaiah 50, the one who is responsible for delivering this message of hope shows he has been commissioned by God and he is ready to carry out his mission, God's message, out to the fullest (Isaiah 50:4–5). In Isaiah's message, the people of God are encouraged to trust in Him, while sinners are discouraged not to trust in themselves (Isaiah 50:11).

III. The Lesson At-A-Glance...

1. The Offer of Deliverance (Isaiah 51:1–3)
2. The Way to Deliverance (vv. 4–6)
3. An Everlasting Deliverance (vv. 7–8)

V. In Depth with More Light on the Text

1. The Offer of Deliverance (Isaiah 51:1–3) This conversation is to those who follow after righteousness, seriously yearning to practically obey God’s law. They are told, “Listen to Me!” God is making them an offer of deliverance. God’s people are seeking Him because they want His favor brought back to them.

2. The Way to Deliverance (vv. 4–6) God is speaking to a specific group, His people. This isn’t for everyone. This is for the people of God. The ones who have the law of God within them. In addition to knowing what is right, God’s people do what is right. God wants His people to listen and be attentive. He wants His people to adhere to what He is saying and take notes on their hearts. God’s righteousness is near; He will soon come to their rescue. Those that He has made promises to will see the fulfillment of those promises. Heaven and earth are going to pass away (Matthew 24:35). In contrast, the way to deliverance, salvation and righteousness will remain.

3. An Everlasting Deliverance (vv. 7–8) Isaiah is requesting the attention of the righteous, God’s people, the keepers of the Law. God’s people are told to not fear the rebuke and criticism of men. We have the assurance of God’s promises. Others might say anything to attempt to destroy our faith in God, but God has given His promise. He will not turn back on His Word. God is faithful. Salvation and righteousness will continue to exist, from generation to generation, forever.

Liberating Lesson— See Sunday School Book...

Application for Activation— See Sunday School Book...

Discuss the Meaning

1. God shows He is willing and able to deliver us from our captivity, which is sin. But He does not force us to accept His offer. Should He or should He not? Why?
2. God tells His people, “hearken unto me” three times. When something is told to us repeatedly should we consider it? Should we pay more attention to what’s being said or should we find the person to be a nuisance trying to force us to accept what they are saying?

Food for Thought and Questions for Consideration (from the Application for Activation)?

1. What have we learned (😊Charlie Brown)?

Vocabulary-New Words

- A. Hearken** (Isaiah 51:1) *qashab* (Heb.)—To prick up the ears, to cause to hear, give heed
B. Hewn (v. 1) *gazith* (Heb.)—To cut or carve, to split or divide

Daily Bible Readings For the Week of June 26th

MONDAY

God Will Vindicate His Servant
(Isaiah 50:4–9)

TUESDAY

Remember God's Mighty Deeds
(Isaiah 51:9–16)

WEDNESDAY

God Defends Israel's Cause
(Isaiah 51:17–23)

THURSDAY

God Rescues Us from Peril
(2 Corinthians 1:7–14)

FRIDAY

Jesus Rescues Us from Wrath
(1 Thessalonians 1:6–10)

SATURDAY

Deliverance Belongs to the Lord
(Psalm 3)

SUNDAY

God's Deliverance Is Coming
(Isaiah 51:1–8)