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Unit I: God Delivers and Restores

Topic: All Things Put Right

Text: Isaiah 49: 18-23

Key Verse

**“Thou shalt know that I am the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.”
(Isaiah 49:23c, KJV)**

Key Terms

- 1) **Desolate (verse 19) —Hebrew: shamem (shawmame’): deserted; devastated; devoid of hope.**
- 2) **Hope (verse 23) —Hebrew: qavah (kaw-mame’): to “wait” (KJV) for; expect.**
- 3) **Redeemer (verse 26 [Background Scripture]) —Hebrew: goel (go’-el): one who claims, acts as kinsman.**
- 4) **The Lord (verse 23) —Hebrew: Adonay (ad-onoy’): the name that belongs to God by preeminence.**

Subtopics

1. Promised Transformation (Isaiah 49: 18-20)

2. Promised Restoration (Isaiah 49: 21-23)

Introduction

The world we knew over the past two years has changed, and it will never be, reversed because of the elusive and deadly viral pandemic that has held a gripping stronghold on the nation and the world. Its devastating effects touched every area of “normalcy” - social, economic, spiritual, physical, and psychological. Political leaders value a stable economy over the welfare of the citizenry. Never gone but more subtly manifested- systemic racism, systemic discrimination, and systemic education inequalities are still blatantly manifested. The nation’s moral fabric is, tainted with gross, uninhibited immorality and disregard for the dignity of humankind. Even God’s people are self-absorbed with maintaining religious activities instead of His primary directives, which is to make disciples our priority, cries of indifference are accoupled with cries of desperation and hopelessness. Will there be an end to these conditions? And when will things be set right? Centuries ago, Israel faced insurmountable difficulties like these and asked these same questions. When we search God’s word in parallel to our Christian experiences it is, revealed through revelation that God does make things right, or should I say, when we allow His Word and His Spirit to be first in our life we get right with Him, because really things were right from the beginning of time. While Israel was, gripped by despair, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah to assure them that they would be, delivered and restored through the ministry of His servant The Promised Messiah. What’s His name? JESUS!!!

Discussion

- **Promised Transformation (Isaiah 49: 18 - 20)**

Lift upon your eyes and look around: all your children gather and come to you, as surely as I live, declares the Lord, you will wear them all as ornaments; you will put them on, like a bride (Isaiah 49: 18, NIV). Though you were, ruined and made desolate and your land laid waste, now you will be too small for your people, and those who devoured you will be far away (Isaiah 49: 19 NIV). The children born during your bereavement will yet say in your hearing. This place is too small for us, give us more space to live in (Isaiah 49: 20, NIV). The people of God will swell in number as they return to their homeland. The captives from Judah would be, freed by Cyrus and returned home, but these verses look especially to the nation's ultimate salvation. Israel's glorious prosperity and joy can only be, fully accomplished by the Servant-Messiah in His millennial Kingdom.

- **Promised Restoration (Isaiah 49: 21-23)**

Then you will say in your heart, who bore me these? I was bereaved and barren; I was exiled and rejected. Who brought these up? I was left all alone, but these—where have they come from (Isaiah 49: 21, NIV). This is what the Sovereign LORD says: “See, I will beckon to the nations, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their hips (Isaiah 49: 22, NIV).” Kings will be your fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down before you with their faces to the ground; they will lick the dust at your feet. Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in me will not be disappointed (Isaiah 49: 23, NIV).

Let me let you in on a secret that I want you to share. On a hill called Calvary, Jesus the Christ paid it all, He endured the pain and punishment of carrying the cross for you and for me. On the Old Rugged Cross, they beat Him, nailed Him, stretched Him wide, hung Him high, to make it right for you and for me. They pierced Him in the side, they buried Him in the grave, but the third day morning, everything that was wrong was, made right because God the Father raised Jesus from the grave with all power in Heaven and earth in His hands. So, it is all right! One glad morning, when this world be over, we will live righteously forever with our Lord Jesus Christ, because Jesus lives. HE sits on the right hand of the Father interceding on our behalf, to right the wrong. Stay encouraged my brothers and sister.