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Unit I: GOD Delivers and Restores

Subject: Back to Basics

Text: Isaiah 51: 1 - 8

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 Pointers:

- 1) Look Back (Isaiah 51: 1 – 3)
- 2) Universal Salvation (Isaiah 51: 4 – 8)

Lesson Introduction:

GOD wants us to get back to the basics, just as HE (GOD) directed the Jews who was delivered from exiles in Babylon. God wants us HIS people to trust HIM as Abraham and Sarah had done when they trusted GOD’S promise to make them a great nation. You see, sometimes we think that a new way is better, but the reality is that new does not always mean better. As the old folks would say, give me that old time religion, its good enough for me, it was good for Paul and Silas, its good enough for me. We must get back to the basics of trusting GOD and believing in and on HIS promises. When we face adverse circumstances, remembering our history with GOD and recalling GOD’S faithfulness can stop us from complaining and doubting GOD’S promise that HE will deliver us. His Words are true, HE will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13: 5c). So, knowing this, lets get back to the basics of loving GOD with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, and trusting HIM to do what HE promised to do for us.

Back to Basics!

Lesson Pointer #1

- Look Back (Isaiah 51: 1 – 3)

Sometimes we the faithful may fell as if we are alone because we are few in numbers. We may have experience or endured hardship for a while, just like the Israelites who endured forty years of exile in Babylon without any sing of relief. The question may have arrived are, entered, into their minds “where was GOD and had HE forsaken them?” GOD responded to the Israelites with a divine wake-up call to those who remained faithful while

in exile and continue to live righteously. The LORD GOD reminded them (Israelites) and us of what HE done for our ancestor, the source of our spiritual heritage, Abraham, and Sarah. The LORD GOD wanted them and us Christian to look back on their and our beginning as a nation, and to recall their and our ancestor's faith (Isaiah 51: 1 – 2). We should remember that Abraham, and Sarah thought it was physically impossible for them to have a child, but the LORD GOD specializes in the impossible; for there is nothing to hard for the LORD GOD almighty. So, Abraham and Sarah believed the promised that the LORD GOD had made, and they were, blessed. All though the Israelites were few, if the exile Israelites would trust the LORD GOD as Abraham and Sarah had, then the LORD GOD would begin anew with the faithful few and cause them and us Christian to flourish. The exile Israelites and us Christian would return to an Eden-like physical environment that would be, filled with joy, gladness, thanksgiving, and singing (Isaiah 51: 3).

Look Back, Back to Basics!

Lesson # 2

- **Universal Salvation (Isaiah 51: 4 – 8)**

The universal salvation is look forward to the glorious future when the LORD GOD sends light to the nations. Isaiah says that all should be attentive to the LORD GOD'S instructions; these instructions are for all humanity (Isaiah 51: 4). The LORD GOD'S great purpose for salvation would be, executed by HIS Servant-Messiah, Jesus Christ (Isaiah 51: 5). The Israelites longed for the coming of the LORD GOD'S salvation. But the LORD GOD salvation was already at work, but the fruition would come centuries ahead for Israel and humanity (Isaiah 51: 6). The LORD GOD's salvation will last forever (read 2 Peter 3: 10; Revelation 21: 1), the heavens, the earth, and all its inhabitants shall pass away, but the LORD GOD'S salvation shall last for all eternity (Isaiah 51: 7 – 8). The LORD GOD'S promise of universal salvation was and is, fulfilled with the Servant-Messiah, Jesus Christ first Advent. Therefore, all who comes to HIM by faith can enjoy the blessings of everlasting life (read John 10: 28 – 29). We Christians can confidently endure rejection, ridicule, and adversity by looking back to Jesus Christ redemptive work on Calvary, Jesus Christ paid it all, and all to HIM I (we) owe.

Universal Salvation, Back to Basics!

Lesson Nuggets

- 1) **We who seek after righteousness are to look unto whence, we are, hewn (Isaiah 51: 1; Genesis 17: 15 -17)**
- 2) **Remembering what the LORD done for us, we are to be attentive to HIS (GOD'S) instructions (Isaiah 51: 4; Psalm 78: 1)**
- 3) **Know that the salvation of the LORD will last forever (Isaiah 51: 6; 2 Peter 3: 10)**