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Unit II: GOD'S Promises

Subject: Fear Not!

Text: Isaiah 43: 1-4, 10-12

Key Verse: Now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine (Isaiah 43: 1, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) GOD'S Love Extended (Isaiah 43: 1-3)**
- 2) GOD'S Love Explained (Isaiah 43: 4, 10-12)**

Introduction

Now, tell me, who is the ties, which bind us? Is it not GOD, who created us in HIS image and likeness; or is it, your righteousness, holiness, or your spiritual heritage. Or is it GOD HIMSELF? This lesson helps us to remember who it is that binds us together as one with HIM (GOD). Know that every believer is nothing more than a recipient of GOD'S grace that GOD bestows upon us, for we have done nothing, it is all because of what GOD has done on our behalf. You, see, GOD created us, redeemed us, and called us. GOD is the one Who watches over us with HIS omnipresent, and covers us with HIS divine Love. Just like the people of Judah were connected to GOD not by their own merits or their goodness, but by the unfailing love and mercy of GOD who loved them despite of themselves; GOD loves us as well, we can not connect to GOD on our own merits. Why? Because we all are as an unclean thing, all of our righteousness are as filthy rages in the sight of GOD (Read Isaiah 64: 6).

Lesson Pointer # 1

- **GOD'S Love Extended (Isaiah 43: 1-3)**

Now, even when Judah was unfaithful, GOD never wavered in HIS faithfulness toward them. GOD never broke HIS promise rather HE (GOD) stood firm to HIS promise to restore the nation from the Babylonian captivity, giving them the assurance that because of HIS love for them they had no reason to fear. It is GOD who created Jacob, and formed Jacob, and called Jacob by his name Israel; for Jacob (Israel) belongs to GOD (Isaiah 43:1). GOD let Jacob (Israel) know that wherever he go that GOD would be with him, even in seasons of trouble, Jacob (Israel) would have the protection of GOD (Isaiah 43: 2). GOD reminded Jacob (Israel) that it was HIM (GOD) who delivered Judah from Babylonian captivity, and that HE (GOD) gave Egypt, Ethiopia and Seba as a ransom for thee (Isaiah 43: 3). GOD did not promise to shield HIS people from experiencing trouble but that HE (GOD) would keep them and preserve them in their trouble. You see, GOD loves us, and HE (GOD) is greater than all of our troubles.

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **GOD'S Love Explained (Isaiah 43: 4, 10-12)**

We who are, GOD'S people are precious in HIS (GOD) sight, honorable, and beloved by GOD (Isaiah 43: 4). Just like Judah's sins made them undeserving of such honor, GOD forgave them because HE (GOD) is forever consistent with HIS (GOD) Word. You see, charity which is love keeps no record of wrongs (Read 1 Corinthians 13: 5), and charity (love) also covers a multitude of sins (Read 1 Peter 4: 8). GOD explained that HIS people Israel are witnesses, and GOD'S servants whom HE have chosen, so that the Israelites may know and believe GOD, and to understand that GOD is the LORD GOD, before HIM there was no GOD formed and neither shall there be after HIM (Isaiah 43: 10-11). GOD explained that HE (GOD) in every generation has saved them, and not some foreign god that are among them. And that you are witnesses of this, that GOD is GOD and there is no other (Isaiah 43: 12). We as GOD'S people are to fear not; for GOD is with us, and we should not be dismayed; for GOD is our GOD. GOD will strengthen us, and help us, in time of trouble. GOD will uphold us with the right hand of HIS (GOD'S) righteousness (Read Isaiah 41: 10).

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