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SHILOAH GRACE

Isaiah 8

INTRODUCTION:

The sign of Immanuel coming is not forgotten in Chapter 8 and 9.

Prophet points to the sign of a virgin being a son.

Prophet illustrates with his son Shear - Jashub (There is a remnant - a tenth).

Prophet in Chapter 8 illustrates with another son and continues the thought of Immanuel -- Wonderful. 9:6. Idea of using his sons in meaningful.

I. Sign Of A Son - Verse 1 - 4

Ordered - instructed to get a large roll, tablet. Might think in terms of a bulletin board. Placed where all could see. Man's Pen used by ordinary men, for ordinary men to read, PLAIN.

✓ Mahe - Shalal - Hash - Baz - These were the words written on the tablet.

Meaning: (Plunder speeds, spoil hastens.)

Make speed to the spoil, hasten to the prey.

Assyrians would come with great speed and make great spoil.

Verse 2 - Witnesses

Two eminent persons - establish the words - He took care in his selection.

■ Uriah - Priest - "Jehovah is my light".

■ Zechariah - Perhaps Father of the Queen - "Jehovah will bless".

The witnesses say by their names Jehovah is my light and will give you light. Jehovah has a purpose to bless. Here is Grace! He will not forget His people - give them light and bless them with his love.

Verse 3 - Clue to the writing on the tablet. Isaiah gives a birth announcement.

No one would have thought of the name given his first born. I repeat if some grand-

mother wants her grand baby to get attention forget the 1st suggestion I made and name him "Maher - Shalal - Hash - Baz" -- Plunder speeds, spoil hastens.

Everytime his name is called it echoes "Judgments approaches".

Prophets wife called Prophetess.

Verse 4 Prophecy in the Name.

God against those against us a hind but Not Emmanuel - "God is with us"

Before the son gives utterance to the simple sounds of childhood -- first words a child speaks -- Mother, Father, Mama, Da Da -- you get the idea.

Syria and Israel will be easy prey for Assyria. Take off the population, furniture, wealth. *Trail Human flesh*

II. Streams of Mercy. - Verse 5-8

"Quiet Brook"

V. 6 Shiloh Grace had been offered. A return to Jehovah had been refused. Shiloh softly flowing between Mt. Zion and Mt. Moriah. Zion tells of grace, Sinai tells of law. Moriah tells of a Lamb being slain and a temple being built. Shiloh was at the base of these mountains and speaks of Christ!

Refused - these waters of grace - refused the Temple Worship. Despise their own country and the government of it. They refuse the comforts offered by the Prophet.

Waters of Shiloh symbolical of the help which God offered his people. Help was unseen. Looked upon as a small stream - gentle.

What had they done?

Rejoiced in Re Zin and Remaliahs son - lofty - lifted up. Made them equal to God.

Not dealing with Remaliah himself but his Son. The true Remaliah was Lucifer or Satan. Now they have bowed down to a Son of Satan. False Prophet, antichrist, Beast from the land. Confidence in one like the most high God.

Re Zin - self willed - Syria - He is the self-willed one -- lifted up as the children of pride.

The people cry these are brave men. Magnifying their policies, applauded their

conduct, belittled their own government, loved to run it down, because it does not make so great a noise as other Kings and Kingdoms.

Valued not grace -- like Esau, let all go for the present advantage. Treaded Shiloah under foot and discounted the priesthood and sacrifices.

The gentle grace - the sent one -- Shiloah. His goodness flows like a soft stream and let one drink and never thirst again. They are healing waters.

Where are the waters of Shiloah now? Only a tenth drink -- others look elsewhere. Reject them and seek success without God.

They have turned to the Euphrates.

Verse 7 - Lord says I will give you the Euphrates. Great, powerful river. They valued men. Assyria pass through Syria and Israel and overflow Judah.

Verse 8 - Neck - All Jerusalem to be covered. Head, or God's people will be kept above the water.

Wings - breadeth of the land.

See this! Enemy has put his foot on the land that belongs to Emmanuel! It was to be Christ's land, there to be born and preach and work.

III. Sanctify And Be Safe - Verse 9 - 13

Verse 9-10 - Threatened but safe. The name of Immanuel, promised Son can help. A little remnant of people with all the mighty powers of earth against. Let them do their worst in making military alliances - counsel together / move against Judah and Jerusalem.

This is to let you know that your effort will be ineffectual - you shall be broken to pieces!

Counsels come to naught.

Whatever or whoever sets itself up against God and his cause and takes counsel against cannot stand, but inevitably fall -- For God is with us -- Immanuel.

Verse 11 - Found on the side of God.

Not your business to stand necessarily on the side of the majority, nor on the side of a miserable minority.

Fear - threatening clouds -- corruption may be at work in the hearts of good men.

God will instruct those he loves and owns. If you are going to instruct others you must be taught of the Lord.

Verse 12 - What does he say to God's people?

Don't adopt the popular cries.

Caution against sinful fear! Fear is catching - hearts fail.

"Say ye not" -- not distress with dismal news. When the church's enemies have sinful confederacies on foot the church's friends should watch against the sinful fears of those confederacies.

Verse 13 - Gives the Answer to Fear.

Sanctify the Lord - set him apart above all! Give him the rightful place in your heart. I Peter 3:14-15.

Give glory due to your God - make him the object of your fear.

Who are you going to listen to? Man or God.

Verse 14 - Sanctuary - serenity of mind - make him your hope, your fear, your help.

If you sanctify him with your praises He will become your sanctuary. Fill your mind and heart with right feeling towards him.

IV. Stone Of Stumbling - Verse 14 - 18.

Verse 14 - Penalty of an ungodly life. By your fear, your unbelief you make the Lord a stone of offence.

Verse 15 - Ungodly and unbelieving have no part -- no sanctuary.

Stone - first reference to our Lord as "The Stone" - small, lowly, on the ground

of humility - overlooked - tripped over.

Acts 5:42

I Cor. 1:23 "But we preach Christ crucified unto the Jews a stumblingblock, AND unto the Erecks foolishness".

2 Cor. 4:5

Offence of the cross has not ceased - multitudes still stumble at the truth.

Stone which the Builders disallowed - The same has become the head of the corner
I Peter 2:8. "AND A Stone of stumbling, AND A rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient - -"

Verse 16 - Stand apart - Privilege of oracles / testimony of the word direct our faith. Word bound to his disciples. Messiah to appear in season.

Jacob - crooked, supplanting Jacob. Poor, crippled, self-confessed sinner.

Prophet says the nations will bear trait of this - father, Jacob.

Jacob had a Lord who never left him and will never forsake any of his "House".

Isaiah waiting for this.

Verse 17 - Patiently wait upon the Lord.

Jehovah's face is hidden.

Jacob wrestled all night and in joy called the place Peniel - the face of God. Gen. 32:30.

Christian must bear trouble -- ministers can best recommend the word of God to others who have found satisfaction in relying upon it.

Verse 18 - The Prophet and the children God had given him are a sign.

Heb. 2:13. Isaiah a type of Christ.

Isaiah sons type of Remnant of Jew.

Isaiah had disciples / Jesus had disciples,

Isaiah prayed for disciples - Jesus prayed for disciples.

He saw encouragement with discouraging things around.

V. Spirit Of Satan - Verse 19 - 20.

Verse 19 - Necromancy.

Day of distress. Consult those that dealt with the Devil, asked his advice.

King Saul - witch at Endor. I Sam. 28:7, 15.

Muttered - Chirp - curiosity - tricks of ventriloquists, disguised their voices, represent a ghosts, chirping of birds. A low, hollow sound like a mournful dove or crane.

Peep - strange gestures - not be seen plainly.

Wizards (wise - ards.) If you want a secret, revealed, or know about a lost article, or the condition of a dead relative - consult us - we are WISE.

Tell you just what you want to hear.

Lev. 19:31.

This was found in Israel.

Christians should have no use with spells, charms, fortune tellers, cure diseases, discovery of lost things.

His answer:

1. People ought to seek God.

Trouble, sin, seek God for pardon and peace.

Doubt, seek God for direction.

Dangers, seek God for protection.

2. Great folly to seek for help from the dead. The dead have not help for the living. Have nothing to do with them. Go not near to their siances. Touch not the defiling thing. Unclean spirits, deluding the poor. These foul spirits have troubled the church and the church must avoid spiritism.

Verse 20 - Consult the oracles - Word of God.

If men neglect the word - they will strive to construct a creed or direct their search after the spirits. They lack wisdom and knowledge essential to success in life.

No foolish wizard knows our deep needs.

Make use of your Bible - learn, if we be poor and of a contrite spirit, we will find light for the dark problems of our day.

Here is God's purpose in heaven and earth -- to offer hope. When you turn from the Bible you are saying there is no light! Downward spiral.

VI. Suffering of the Sinful - Verse 21-22.

Verse 21 - Results of turning from Shiloah.

Unsettled time - impoverished -- This did not happen "out of a blue sky".

Hungry - never satisfied within! Mental anxiety, moral decay, misery - in darkness - look up and curse all above because no good seems to come.

Sin has led them to suffering! Tantalus, a friend of Zens in place of punishment. Waters, each time he would quench his thirst the water receded when he was ready to drink. Fruit hung over his head almost in reach. It tempted and tantalized him. *Bottomless Pit - Torn by Convulsions,*

John Steinbeck says "Where does discontent start?" You are warm but you shiver, you are fed but you hunger. You have been loved but you wander in new fields. Dissatisfied.

Rich Young Ruler - Went Away Sorrowful.
Turned down God. Not respect self or God.

George Fox (society of friends founder) "The secret of Fox's life is easily told. He was completely master of himself because he was completely a servant of God".

Verse 22 - No hope found on earth. Abandon in despair. No probability of hope or relief. Matt. 8:12 - "Shall be cast out into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Nothing but darkness.

Description of unbeliever. Sees a discouraging earth and feels trouble and darkness. Full of dimness of anguish. Opposite of darkness is light. John 1:5.

Lamps found in ancient Gezer from excavations have inscribed "The Lord is my light".

Early Christians symbolizing Christ as the light in the dark world.

Willy Frist - lives Montreal, N.C. Husband - CANCER 1959 - 2 Cor. 1:4 "The Comforts us in ALL our Troubles, so that we may in turn be able to comfort others and share what consolation we have received" Lived by the verse "A Merry heart doeth good like a medicine" - His last illness, she heard him say through the closed door, either to himself or to God, "I Feel As if I'm in Gethsemane" - Died stroke of 12 - New year bells chimed -