

The Holy One of Israel

Isaiah 1:2-4; 41

Intro:

- The Names of God – revelation of His Character
 - Speaks, Sees, Blesses, Wrestles, Calls, Provision, Sanctifies, Sword and Shield, Health, Banner, Peace
 - The Shepherd... in Psalms and Jesus' ministry
- Why is it important to know Our God?
 - He has taken great measures to reveal Himself!
- “Always the most revealing thing about the Church is her idea of God...what she say about Him or leaves unsaid, for silence is often more eloquent than her speech.” A.W. Tozer
- Isaiah had a special call for God in his day:
- Qadowsh Yisra'el – 25x (Only 6 other places in OT)

I. The Power of the name

- Holiness has always been part of His revelation
 - Moses Ex 3:5 – Holy Ground – God made it so!
 - High Priests wore this on their heads...Ex 28:36, 37
 - Isaiah would see Him High and Holy (Isa 6)
 - Emphasizes His nature and purpose
 - Contrasts with the sinfulness of His People
 - It remains a call from God to our hearts for lives worthy...
- Not just Holy... we knew that! But “of Israel”
 - God had revealed Himself specifically to them
 - He had made a claim upon them, at great cost!
 - We are the people of the One Who is HOLY
 - We yearn to be Holy, it is HIS NATURE to be so...

II. The Effect of the Name

- It should call us to:
 - Awareness of His Fatherhood of us (2)
 - Awareness of our foolishness – ox, donkey know better! (3)
 - Awareness that individual leads to national failure (4)
 - Awareness of His greatness and presence (12:6)
 - Awareness of Who our real help is (10:20; 31:1)
 - Awareness of the consequences of rejecting (5:24; 30:11-15; 37:23 of Rabshakeh -1Ki 19 quoting Isaiah)
 - Awareness of Who the source of our joy is (29:19)

III. The Blessings of the Name – Ch 41

- When He is the Holy One of Israel:
 - He becomes our HELP (*'azer*) – support, helper (14)
 - He becomes our REDEEMER (*ga'al*) as in KINSMAN! (43:14; 47:4; 48:17; 49:7; 54:5)
 - He becomes our VINDICATOR (16)
 - He becomes our source of JOY & GLORY – IN HIM! (55:5)
 - He becomes our WITNESS to others (20)
 - He becomes our SAVIOR (*'yasha*) deliver, avenge (43:3)
 - He becomes our LORD OF HOSTS (47:4; 54:5) ARMY!!!
 - He becomes the source of our GUIDANCE (48:17)
 - He becomes our HUSBAND/MAKER (54:5)
 - He becomes our RESTORER of HERITAGE (60:9)

Applications:

- It is the HOLINESS of God that is KEY
- Any other god is a waste of our time!
- Our security, blessing and character are dependent
- And HE IS WILLING!!!
- Isaiah cried it to his generation...
- Are there voices willing today??

“So necessary to the Church is a lofty concept of God that when that concept in any measure declines, the Church with her standards declines along with it. The first step down for any church is taken when it surrenders its high opinion of God.” A.W. Tozer