

**CALVARY PANDAN BIBLE-  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**DHW BIBLE CLASS**

**LESSON 62**

**ISAIAH**

**CHAPTER 62**

**Theme:** "O Jerusalem! The City of the Living God!"

**THEME VERSES**

**Isaiah 62:3-4** (KJV) "Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. **4** Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married."

**INTRODUCTION**

Since the time of King David the capital city of Israel, Jerusalem, will always have a special place in the history of all mankind. King David did not make Jerusalem his political and economic capital only but more importantly, David, the man after God's own heart, made Jerusalem Israel's religious capital as well. This is of greatest significance. Unlike all the other capital cities of the world, Jerusalem can be called the legitimate city of God where God stamps His imprimatur of approval! This approval was confirmed when He called David's

son, Solomon to build for Him a Temple according to His design. Solomon completed the construction and God accepted all that was done when He received it on the day when Solomon dedicated it to the LORD. From that point onwards, Jerusalem became the centre of the earth because God had placed His "house" in Jerusalem on earth! This city has great spiritual significance for all mankind.

From Isaiah's perspective, this was the city where the Messiah will soon enter one day to suffer and be put through trial and be crucified for our sins. When the city is blessed, the world is blessed. The future of the world lies in the health and safety of Jerusalem. Therefore, when the people of Israel sin against God, the LORD had to punish Israel and Jerusalem with it. When Jerusalem was in decay and destruction because of the idolatry of Israel, the world was left without a witness on the earth! How could the city of God be devastated by carnal men with their carnal weapons of war! Yet it happened as Isaiah prophesied - Jerusalem including the Temple of Solomon would be completely razed to the ground by the fearsome Babylonians led by King Nebuchadnezzar.

The message to Israel was clear! Even when God's people sin, God will punish. The more severe the sins of Israel were, the greater was the punishment. The LORD will always punish justly all who sinned against Him. Israel was no exception. The

LORD is no respecter of persons. But when Israel refuses to repent of her many sins and the punishment of the LORD has been carried out, the LORD's heart is that Israel must return to God soon. The manner in which this return is seen by Israel and the rest of the world is to re-establish Jerusalem. Jerusalem must once again rise to her summit as the only spiritual capital of the whole world for the Messiah will come forth through her and no other nation! This is the thrust of Isaiah 62.

### OUTLINE

1. Jerusalem shall shine as light again! (vv.1-4);
2. Jerusalem shall be loved by all (vv. 5-9);
3. Jerusalem shall be the salvation to all (vv. 10-12)

### COMMENTARY

#### **Jerusalem shall shine as light again! — 62:1-4**

Jerusalem shall be the reason for the LORD's restoration of Israel. Israel does not deserve to be restored to nationhood but for the sake of Jerusalem God will not hold back His peace. He will give peace to Jerusalem. Jerusalem must be a city in existence belonging to Israel where the Messiah will enter at the age of twelve to go to the Temple. Jerusalem must be in existence and in peace for the Messiah to come and be crucified! The city has been promised righteousness by the LORD. He will not rest until righteousness is sent

forth as brightness and the salvation as a lamp that burns. Could this be the testimony of Israel or could this be a reference to Christ? It has to refer to both. Firstly, it refers to Christ as he is the Righteous One and if not for Him, there is no righteousness to speak of not even for Israel. Without Christ going to the cross for mankind, there is no salvation, only condemnation and a certainty in Hell for eternity that awaits all, without exception. But the Righteousness of Christ which is His life and death on the earth will shine brightly to a world in sin and darkness.

Secondly, it can refer to the city of Jerusalem, hence the testimony of Israel, as well in that after Christ's resurrection and ascension the light in the earth are the witnesses that God has chosen. In the Old Testament it was the national witness of Israel. In the New Testament it is the witness of the local church planted by God all over the world since the time of the Pentecost in Acts 2. Therefore, the reason for the LORD's blessing upon Israel was spiritual in nature. He wants to save the world from her sins.

Gentiles too would see the righteousness. The salvation is not limited to Israel only but is for the whole world. All the kings of the earth shall see the glory of Christ. Jerusalem shall be called by a new name which the LORD shall name because of what Christ will do in and through her. Jerusalem shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD which means that Jerusalem will be precious in the hand of the LORD. All things precious are well looked after and will not be

sold or given away to another! Not only that, but the Bible also say that Jerusalem will be a royal diadem i.e. kingly crown in the hand of Israel's God. The crown is worn as one of royalty and kingship. The LORD will be proud of Israel and He is proud and delighted to wear Israel like a king wears his crown!

Jerusalem will no longer be called Forsaken or the Land be called Desolate. Jerusalem shall be called Hephzibah i.e. My Delight and the Land shall be called Beulah i.e. To marry. The reason is that the LORD delighted (same root word as Hephzibah) in Jerusalem and the Land shall be married (same root as Beulah which comes from the root word "Ba'al i.e. husband). Jerusalem will be God's delight once more because of what Christ will do in her in the future. The Land of Israel will "be married" to the LORD. This is a figure of the intimate and wonderful relationship between the LORD and Israel for the Messiah will be born in the Land. It is the Promised Land. This tiny piece of real estate will forever be special to God and have a special place in the heart of God as this is the Land from which the first coming of Christ will begin His work of salvation and also return to complete the same work of salvation on the earth!

**Jerusalem shall be loved by all**

**— 62:5-9**

The marriage concept continues in this section. The marriage relationship is likened to a young man marrying a virgin. This is the most beautiful description of marriage as

God has originally intended marriage to be before the fall of man. The phrase "so shall thy sons marry thee" cannot be understood as the sons marrying their own mother for that would be grotesque and an abomination to the LORD. The use of the phrase simply means that instead of strangers inhabiting Jerusalem, Jerusalem will only be inhabited by her own family i.e. believers and not idolaters! Just as the bridegroom rejoices on the day of marriage with his virgin bride so the LORD will rejoice in Jerusalem! Jerusalem will become the capital city for all believers because of Christ even though we might be from all nationalities. Jerusalem will always be dear to the hearts of all believers as their spiritual capital city for all eternity! The relationship is not national but spiritual even though we may exist as churches from all nationalities. These different lines will be erased by the blood of Christ in our love for Jerusalem because of Christ!

The LORD has set watchmen upon Jerusalem's wall that will never hold their peace day or night. They will be ever alert to keep watch over the safety of Jerusalem. These watchmen are described as "ye that make mention of the LORD." The word for make mention is the word "to remember." They will keep on reminding the citizens of Jerusalem who the LORD is. He will not keep silent. He will keep on proclaiming the name of the LORD and His Truth. By His constant proclamation, the LORD will hear and will not stop till the LORD establishes Jerusalem and make her a

praise in the earth. This "proclamation" is likened to the command from God to all believers to go and preach the Word to all nations. The faithful watchmen will not stop but will proclaim day and night till the Day of the LORD comes!

This everlasting proclamation is based upon God's promise in His Holy Word. The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength that He will no more give Israel's corn to be food for her enemies. This means that by the power of the almighty God of Israel, the enemies of Israel will no longer be allowed to defeat God's people again and enter to take their food. The children of strangers i.e. those who do not know God personally, shall not be allowed to drink Israel's wine i.e. grape juice which they had labored. Israel will eat the fruits of her own labour in safety. Israel will gather her own food and eat them and will praise the LORD for it. They would know the LORD personally and see His hand in their lives. The wine that Israel brought in would be drunk by them in the courts of God's holiness which is a figure of the presence of the LORD. The relationship between the LORD and His people is one of holiness and intimate salvation.

**Jerusalem shall be the salvation to all — 62:10-12**

Israel is to cry to all to enter Jerusalem the city of God. All true believers of the LORD are called to enter in and praise the LORD with joy in their hearts! Let the whole world know that Jerusalem is the city where

the salvation of the world begins. All who come humbly according to Holy Scriptures will not be turned away by the LORD. All who enter in will be called holy people, the redeemed of the LORD. Jerusalem shall be called "Sought out, a city not forsaken." Jerusalem will become the city that all would seek after to enter in. To enter in is equivalent to entering heaven itself! Amen.

**DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**Daily Readings**

**MONDAY:** Isaiah 62:1-12

**TUESDAY:** Isaiah 62:1-12

**WEDNESDAY:** Isaiah 62:1-12

**THURSDAY:** Isaiah 62:1-12

**FRIDAY:** Isaiah 62:1-12

**Discussion Questions**

- 1. Is it acceptable to you if the LORD says that He blesses Calvary Pandan for the sake of someone or something else instead of you? Do you feel bad that the LORD does not bless Pandan or your ministry because of you? Is this the right and biblical way of understanding the blessing of God today?

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2. Is your life sending forth the brightness of Christ's righteousness? How does it shine? Is this brightness seen in Israel today?

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5. How do you see your life on this earth in light of this revelation of Jerusalem, the capital city of your future heavenly home?

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3. Do you see your relationship with Christ like that of a husband and wife? What does it mean to you in practical terms? Can people who are not married grasp this concept?

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6. How do you see this world's capital cities in light of the city of Jerusalem? Will you be inside or outside the city of Jerusalem?

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4. Are you a watchman for Christ at home, in your school or work place?

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7. What lessons have you learnt from this chapter about God's Word and about yourself?

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