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The Song of Isaiah 54

Beyond the prophetic meaning of this passage for Israel there is a spiritual meaning for all believers. Thank you Lord that you will never leave us or forsake us.

Introduction: Isa 52:13-53:11 present the Messiah Jesus as the suffering servant who lays down His life for the sin of the Jews and the world. Israel at this time is in captivity—yet in Isaiah 54 the Lord commands her to sing out, enlarge her vision, do not fear and depend on God. We need these same four things in our life and church as we look forward to His return.

A. **Sing:** *He is my joy! v. 1*

1. **Reason to sing:** I seldom feel like singing when I look at my problems—but looking at the Messiah can cause even the rocks to cry out! *Luke 19:40*
2. **When there is no fruit:** Israel was barren like Sarah and in captivity with not a lot of hope. And yet God tells Israel and us—we will be fruitful—**so SING.**

B. **Enlarge:** *His vision is my vision! vv. 2-3*

1. **Living in expectancy:** *vv. 2-3* There are five visionary words in these two verses. They are visionary because at the moment Israel is in captivity with no means to do what God is telling them.
2. **Think long-term:** *v. 3* God promises that if they would expand their faith (vision) that He would cause them to inherit the Gentiles as a legacy and rebuild broken down cities and lives.
What is God's vision for you?

C. **Fear Not:** *He provides! vv. 4-8*

1. **God's grace:** *vv. 4-5* Israel was depressed (ashamed) because of her sin, disobedience and unfruitfulness. God reminds them that HE alone is their Husband and Redeemer. For by grace have we been saved. *Eph 2:8*
2. **God's mercy:** *vv. 6-8* He is in charge of the 'dry' times as well as the times of growth. God calls 70 years of captivity a 'mere moment.' Whatever you are going through it's a 'mere moment' — **so don't fear!**

D. **Depend on God:** *He is my protection v. 17*

1. **No weapon:** No one can rob you of your salvation!
No one can rob you of your joy!
No one can rob you of your peace!
No one can rob you of His presence!
2. **No judgment:** You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you! Let His ears be your ears and His voice be your voice.
3. **My heritage:** The entire chapter is the 'heritage' of the saints (those who believe in the Messiah as their Savior).
4. **My righteousness:** Rom 3:21-25 My 'righteousness' is not of myself but it is through the finished work of Christ (the Messiah) on the cross.

Isaiah 54

- 1 **"Sing,** O barren,
You who have not borne!
Break forth into singing, and cry aloud,
You who have not labored with child!
For more are the children of the desolate
Than the children of the married woman,"
says the LORD.
- 2 **"Enlarge** the place of your tent,
And let them stretch out the curtains of your
dwellings;
Do not spare;
Lengthen your cords,
And strengthen your stakes.
- 3 For you shall expand to the right and to the
left,
And your descendants will inherit the nations,
And make the desolate cities inhabited.
- 4 **"Do not fear,** for you will not be ashamed;
Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to
shame;
For you will forget the shame of your youth,
And will not remember the reproach of your
widowhood anymore.
- 5 For your Maker is your husband,
The LORD of hosts is His name;
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel;
He is called the God of the whole earth.
- 6 For the LORD has called you
Like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit,
Like a youthful wife when you were refused,"
Says your God.
- 7 "For a mere moment I have forsaken you,
But with great mercies I will gather you.
- 8 With a little wrath I hid My face from you for
a moment;
But with everlasting kindness I will have
mercy on you,"
Says the LORD, your Redeemer.
- 17 **No weapon formed against you** shall
prosper,
And every tongue which rises against you in
judgment
You shall condemn.
This is the heritage of the servants of the
LORD,
And their righteousness is from Me,"
Says the LORD.

