



ISAIAH – Prophesied Faith (Isaiah 53 & 55)

The events associated with the birth of Jesus fulfilled numerous Old Testament prophecies given centuries before the events they describe. Matthew 1:22 introduces us to a common statement in his work: “Now all this was done that it might be _____ which was spoken of the Lord by the _____.” Matthew will use that phrasing in at least a dozen passages. The first use of the fulfillment phrase introduces us to one of the best-known prophecies in the entire Bible: “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matthew 1:23). In reference to the birth of Jesus, Matthew cited the prophecy of Isaiah made more than _____ years earlier.

Truly, the message of Isaiah gives an amazing Old Testament picture of the great love of God. The prophet Isaiah said that Jesus would be born of a virgin and he was. But Isaiah went further and prophesied not only of his _____ but also of his _____. In so doing Isaiah demonstrated that there is nothing so moving as fully understanding the _____ of _____.

HIS SON'S _____ (Isaiah 53:2-3)

The word “incarnation” comes from the Latin word *carnis*, meaning “flesh.” It literally means “_____.” This word does not occur in the Bible. Its only use is in theology in reference to that gracious, voluntary act of the Son of God in which He assumed a human body.

A. The _____ for the Incarnation

Adam and Eve enjoyed perfect fellowship with God in a perfect paradise where they could walk and talk with Him daily – that is until _____ into the picture. A perfect, holy God cannot accept sin. From that point onward, man’s fellowship with God was _____. The love of God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, in the flesh to restore man’s broken fellowship.

B. The _____ to the Incarnation

Six times in the New Testament we read of how Jesus Christ was _____ by those He came to save. His personality, position, character, and purpose were derided. Even while they prepared His brutalized body to be crucified we can hear the voices of the crowd as they _____ Him. Isaiah prophesied that this was going to happen in Isaiah 53:3.

OUR SOUL'S _____ (Isaiah 53:6-11)

God loves you so much that He paid your redemption. Redemption is defined simply as the price paid for your _____ from _____.

A. An _____ Substitute (Isaiah 53:11)

Redemption requires a _____ sacrifice. Christ alone lived a _____ life so that we can be brought near unto God (Isaiah 53:11). Today, He is the “_____ Savior.” He has the power to redeem and justify many. Awesome enough that the Bible says “We shall be saved by his life” (Romans 5:10).

B. An _____ Sacrifice (Isaiah 53:4-9)

This is perhaps the most sobering thought in the Bible. Jesus Christ, the perfect man, sent by the love of God, was beaten so badly that He was _____ by human acquaintances. “There were no stronger expressions to be found in the language, to denote a violent and painful death” than the ones found in Isaiah 53.

THE SAVIOR'S _____ (Isaiah 55:7)

Our God’s love would not be complete without consider the invitation He has for you today. God, by His love, extends His invitation for renewed fellowship.

A. His invitation is _____ (Isaiah 55:1)

God invites all to come to the living waters and find peace, contentment, and _____. Notice the use of the word “everyone.” No matter what your background, no matter what your position, the invitation is universal. Come and accept God’s free grace. There are no qualifications to come to Christ.

B. His invitation is _____ (Isaiah 55:6)

God’s love requires you to respond today. Verse 6 implies that His grace may not always be _____. Your Savior’s invitation is urgent! You do not know if this will be your last opportunity to accept salvation. God’s love is available today. Putting off your decision could be the difference between heaven and hell. The love of God invites you today. Don’t let it be too late for you!

Concluding Thoughts

The Bible tells us that God sent His Son from the glories of Heaven to die for your sins, that you might live. He sacrificed His only Son that you and I can spend an eternity with Him in Heaven. Isaiah prophesied of this day.

What drove the God of eternity to sacrifice His son for you?

Answer: His everlasting _____!

Although you sin, God’s love is still there. Although you did not deserve the sacrifice of His Son, God’s love is still there. And it’s still there today!

