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God talked to His people in the Old Testament about salvation through His prophets, and His promises kept His people waiting for the Messiah who would come and save them.

Isaiah was the prophet whom our Lord spoke to in order to preach the good news about salvation to the Israelites. His name in Hebrew means the “Salvation of God.” That leads us to imply that Isaiah was very special to God, so that God trusted him to prophesize about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah was one of the prophets, who lived during the realm of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah kings of Judah, before the captivity of the Israelites.

He was married to a woman called “the prophetess” (Isaiah 8:3), and she conceived and bore for him two sons. The oldest was called “Shear-Jashub” (7:3), which means the “Remnant Shall Return,” and the second son was called “Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz” (8:3), which means, “Speed the Spoil and Hasten the Booty.” Isaiah cared a lot about his family, and he raised his children to fear God. Moreover, his wife was very supportive to him in his service in order to grow spiritually with God, and that is why she was called the prophetess.

We can learn from his personal life that the main purpose of marriage is spiritual growth, and if God is the first priority in our lives, His glory will show in every good work we do.

Isaiah started his prophetic works during the year King Uzziah died, and his prophecies lasted till the death of Hezekiah the king.

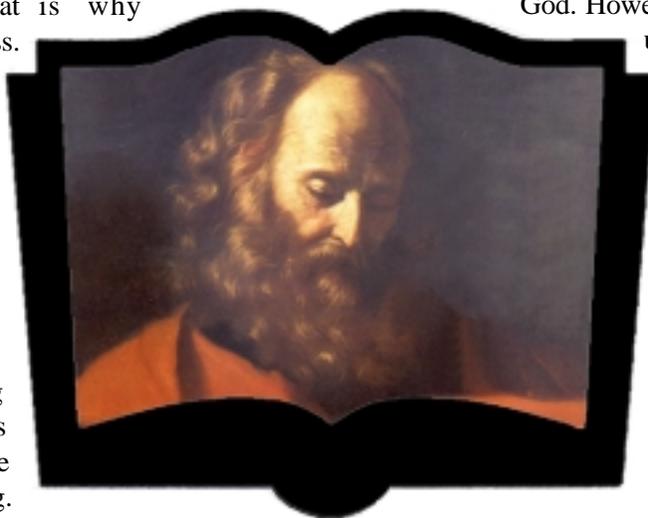
It is said that his prophetic work lasted for over 50 years. Isaiah died slain with the sword by the order of King Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah the king. Thus, he died for our Lord because he did not want to be like the rest of the idol worshippers.

Isaiah the prophet lived in an era where the rich people were enjoying their riches and were doing all kinds of evil in the eyes of our Lord while the poor people were suffering and crying to God all the time. Although Isaiah was one of the royal family, he did not do like the rest of them. He did not drink, he did not commit adultery, and most of all he did not betray his Lord by worshipping idols like the rest of the rich people from the royal family and other families. Isaiah was very strong; he knew that his love for God would prevent him from doing all evil. Instead of going in the wrong way, he prayed to God and asked for His mercy. For that reason, God chose him to prophesize about salvation. Isaiah was very jealous in his love to God, and he was very attached to God in spite of all the lusts around Him. Therefore, the way Isaiah reacted in this evil environment made God choose him to receive those great prophecies. Similarly, in our world, we face many obstacles and lusts that can drive us away from

God. However, our love to God brings

us close to Him and makes us reject all the worldly joy, and that pleases our Lord Jesus Christ. As a result, He trusts us and grants us different talents to serve Him.

If we look at the way Isaiah finds peace and comfort from God, we learn some lessons from the wonderful words that take relieve all sadness. We learn to wait for





the Lord in times of trouble (30:18-20). Also, when we feel away from God, here comes the good shepherd bringing us back (40:11). Even when we are scared from all what is going on around us or when we fail doing something for the good, here comes again our beloved Lord telling us not to be scared. (41: 10). Moreover, when we give up in school or in life in general, we have to be sure that He can give us might and power (40:28-31). Or when people offend us by words and actions, we might feel weak because we don't get back to them in the same way they acted towards us; however, we can listen to God's words as Isaiah found the Lord sending him His angels to comfort him (63:9, 41:11-13). Other times, we feel depressed as if the whole world is turning against us and nobody is there to comfort us and to wipe our tears, but if we do as Isaiah did and listen to the comforting words God sent him in times of severe trouble, we will feel that the Lord is next to us in every situation in our lives. Even when we sin, He is standing there to lift us up from all our weakness (43:1-7). He is there to save us before we drown in the sea of sins as He saved St. Peter.

Also, let us be like Isaiah enjoying the words of God as delicious food for our bodies, so we can understand His will in our lives because His ways are much higher than our ways (55:1-12).

The Holy Book of Isaiah talks about many prophecies. The two that always remind us about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is the prophecy about the Lord Jesus being born from a virgin (7:14), and the other prophecy is about the sufferings of our Lord (53:3-12).

The Holy Book of Isaiah talks about the life of our Lord Jesus Christ before He came to earth, and that is why we call it the fifth Gospel. We learn from Isaiah's experience lessons to apply in our lives. The main lesson is we have to stand for our Lord Jesus

Christ and preach His Holy Gospel as Isaiah did even if the whole world is against us. We follow Him because we love Him first, and because we want to spend our earthly lives with Him as well as our eternity.

Another Important Lesson Always remember those who serve

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, A 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired. By now, more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table, and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies -You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

Crossword solution

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