

Isa 54:1-8
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Promise of Restoration Isa 54:1 – 55:13

Promise of Growth Isa 54:1-3

1 “Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; For the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous Than the sons of the married woman,” says the LORD. 2 “Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; Lengthen your cords And strengthen your pegs. 3 “For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations And will resettle the desolate cities.

Verse one is fulfilled in Gal 4:27

Gal 4:21-31 Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not listen to the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. 23 But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son by the free woman through the promise. 24 This is allegorically speaking, for these women are two covenants: one proceeding from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves; she is Hagar. 25 Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother. 27 For it is written, “REJOICE, BARREN WOMAN WHO DOES NOT BEAR; BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR; FOR MORE NUMEROUS ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS A HUSBAND.” 28 And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. 30 But what does the Scripture say? “CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON, FOR THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR WITH THE SON OF THE FREE WOMAN.” 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of the free woman.

“Shout for joy,” “Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud” (v. 1)
because of the redemptive work of the Servant (Jesus).

1Pt 1:8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is ... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, ...

“you who have not travailed” Rom 3:21-28

Rom 3:21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ...
24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.
28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

The church will grow “enlarge”, “stretch out”, “lengthen”, “spread abroad”

Dan 2:34 “You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. 35 “... But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Mk 4:30-32 “How shall we picture the kingdom of God, ... “It is like a mustard seed, ... it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, ... it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR can NEST UNDER ITS SHADE.”

“will possess nations”

to occupy (by driving out previous tenants, and possessing in their place);

Most Christian Nations (population 200,000+) with the highest percentages of Christians according to the World Christian Database (2010).

(1) Romania 98.5; (10) Mexico 95.9; (52) Spain 88.3; (67) Ukraine (83.6); (77) U.S. 80.1

As of the year 2020, Christianity had approximately 2.38 billion+ adherents out of a worldwide population of about 7.8 billion people; representing nearly one-third of the world's population and is the largest religion in the world (Wikipedia)

Gen 17:4-6 “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations ... I will make you the father of a multitude of nations. ... I have made you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you.” (Rom 4:17-18)

Rom 4:13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

The LORD has called you Isa 54:4-8

Isa 54:4 “Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your youth, And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. 5 “For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth. 6 “For the LORD has called you, Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected,” Says your God. 7 “For a brief moment I forsook you, But with great compassion I will gather you. 8 “In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you,” Says the LORD your Redeemer.

God loves (“with everlasting lovingkindness”) and has compassion (“with great compassion”) on us.

My Father loves me with an everlasting love. I have never not been loved by Him (Jer 31:3).

Jere 31:3 The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

My Father loves me - He gave His only Son to die for me so I might know His love (Jn 3:16).

Jn 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

My Father loves me so much that He wants to express His love and affection to me (Jn 16:27).

Jn 16:27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father.

Nothing can separate me from God's love for me (Rom 8:38-39).

Rom 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

My Father loves me just as much as He loves His Son, Jesus (Jn 17:23).

Jn 17:23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

My Father loves me even when I have sinned:

He forgives all my sin (Col 1:13-14; 1Jn 1:9),

Col 1:13-14 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

He doesn't remember them but throws them into the depths of the sea (Jer 31:34; Mic 7:19).
Jer 31:34 "... for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Mic 7:19 He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea.

He sees me just as if I had never sinned (Rom 5:1).

Rom 5:1 having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

He loves me and asks me to sit beside Him (Eph 2:4-6).

Eph 2:4-6 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

God will not carry out his anger on us.

Rom 5:6-10 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. (1Thes 1:10; 5:9)

God heals us from:

1. Fear ("Fear not")

My Father's perfect love displaces my fears (1Jn 4:18).

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

When I am afraid my Father wants to hold and comfort me (Isa 66:12-13).

Isa 66:12-13 For thus says the LORD, "Behold, I extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; And you will be nursed, you will be carried on the hip and fondled on the knees. 13 "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; And you will be comforted in Jerusalem."

2. Shame and disgrace

Jesus is not ashamed of me (Heb 2:11).

Heb 2:11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

God is not ashamed to be my Father (Heb 11:16).

Heb 11:16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

My Father loves me so much that He calls me his child (Jn 1:12);

Jn 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

and His friend (Jn 15:15).

Jn 15:15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

3. Humiliation and reproach

Rom 15:3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME."

Even when I am wounded, He sees me as beautiful and takes pleasure in me (Ps 149:4).

Psa 149:4 For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the afflicted ones with salvation.

My Father's thoughts toward me are always good and filled with hope (Jer 29:11).

Jer 29:11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'

My Father is so pleased with me, He will never leave me, He wants to meet all my needs.

Lk 15:31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.'

My Father likes being with me so much that He made His home with me" (Jn 14:23).

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him."

4. Rejection

My Father loves me and never condemns me (Rom 8:1; Jn 3:17-18).

Romans 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Jn 3:17-18 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

My Father does not judge me (Jn 5:22).

Jn 5:22 "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

God is our:

Husband v. 5; ("married woman" v. 1)

Rom 7:1-4 Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? 2 For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. 3 So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man. 4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

[Hos 2:19; 2Cor 11:2; Eph 5:27; Rev 19:7-9; Gal 4:26]

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