We Must Comfort and Encourage Our Neighbors Who are Suffering.

[Short Word Meditation (35)]

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Desolation and destruction will follow anyone who always ...

Desolation and destruction will follow anyone who always plans evil and is quick to carry it out and does not hesitate to murder innocent people (Ref.: Isaiah 59:7).

We, the smallest and most insignificant, are like ...

We, the smallest and most insignificant, are like small branches planted by God's hands to reveal His glory (Ref.: Isaiah 60:21).

God will give us joy there.

God will lead us to a house of prayer and give us joy there (Ref.: Isaiah 56:7).

He was satisfied with the results.

Jesus Christ was satisfied when he saw the results of his soul's suffering (Ref.: Isaiah 53:11).

They will never enjoy peace.

Those who do not know what true peace is, and do not know what justice and truth mean, and who continue to follow people on the wrong path will never enjoy peace (Isaiah 59:8_.

Humble people

Humble people will rejoice and be glad in a holy God (Ref.: Isaiah 29:19).

The servant of suffering

The servant of suffering was a servant of obedience (Ref.: Isaiah 53).

We must comfort and encourage our neighbors who are suffering.

We must comfort and encourage our neighbors who are suffering. May the Lord end their days of suffering. In particular, I pray that the Lord will tell our neighbors that their sins are forgiven, as they are punished twice as heavily as their sins. (Ref.: Isaiah 40:2).

They are too proud to accept anyone's teaching.

The pastors and elders who are committing foolish mistakes and errors are ungrateful and complain, and they are too proud to accept anyone's teaching (Ref.: Isaiah 28:7, 9-10).

The eternal light of our church

God is the eternal light of our church and our glory (Ref.: Isaiah 60:19).

The time of salvation is near ...

The time of salvation is near, so God will come quickly and save us. God will judge all peoples, and all nations will look to God and wait for God to save them (Ref.: Isaiah 51:5).

Those who pray to idols who cannot save ...

Those who pray to idols who cannot save are all ignorant people (Ref.: Isaiah 45:20).

We must listen carefully and pay close attention ...

We must listen carefully and pay close attention to what the Lord says (Ref.: Isaiah 28:23).

No matter who criticizes us, we will be able to refute them.

No matter who criticizes us, we will be able to refute them. This is because the Lord defends us and gives us victory (Ref.: Isaiah 54:17).

It is spiritual adultery.

If we offer our love to idols instead of loving the Lord, it is spiritual adultery (Ref.: Isaiah 57:8).

God renders their wisdom and knowledge useless.

God frustrates the words of false pastors and the predictions of false prophets, making them fools and rendering their wisdom and knowledge useless (Ref.: Isaiah 44:25).

If we, mere fragments of broken pottery ...

If we, mere fragments of broken pottery, argue with the Creator God, it would be disastrous. Can clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no handles'? How foolish to argue with your own Creator! Does a clay pot dare argue with its maker, a pot that is like all the others? Does the clay ask the potter what he is doing? Does the pot complain that its maker has no skill? (Ref.: Isaiah 45:9-10)

"My children, do not be afraid or terrified."

Our King and Savior, the Almighty God, says to us, 'My children, do not be afraid or terrified. Haven't I told you from the beginning? You are my witnesses' (Ref.: Isaiah 44:6, 8).

'I will protect and guard you.'

God says: 'I will answer you in the time of favor and help you in the day of salvation. I will protect and guard you' (Ref.: Isaiah 49:8).

"I created you and made you my servant; I will never forget you."

God says to us: 'You are my servant. I created you and made you my servant; I will never forget you. I have taken away your sins, just as a cloud or a morning mist disappears. You come back to me. I will save you' (Ref.: Isaiah 41:9-10).

"I will glorify myself through you."

God says to me:

"You are my servant. I will glorify myself through you"

(Ref.: Isaiah 49:3).

"I hid my face from you in a moment of anger, but with everlasting compassion."

Just as one welcomes back a wife who was abandoned by her husband and is troubled in heart after marrying young, the Lord calls us and says to us: "I abandoned you for a moment, but with great love, I will welcome you back. I hid my face from you in a moment of anger, but with everlasting compassion, I will have mercy on you (Ref.: Isaiah 54:6-8).

"Do not be afraid. I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

The Creator God says to us, whom He created for His glory: "Do not be afraid. I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." God considers us precious and valuable, and because He loves us, He sacrificed His only Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross to save our lives. This God of salvation gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, as a ransom to set us free from sin and eternal death. The holy God is with us, protecting and guarding us. Therefore, God says to us, "Do not be afraid. I am with you" (Ref.: Isaiah 43:1-7).

'My steadfast love for you will not change.'

The word of compassionate God for us is: 'The mountains may be moved and taken away, but my steadfast love for you will not change, and my promise of peace will not be broken' (Ref.: Isaiah 54:10).

"Return and trust me in silence."

The Lord tells us, "Return and trust me in silence. Then you will be saved and strengthened." And He is waiting for us to return in order to show us His love (Ref.: Isaiah 30:15, 18).

"Comfort, comfort my people" (Isaiah 40:1)

The verse "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1) is the Scripture my third uncle, before he passed into the Lord's embrace, gave to me, the senior pastor of Victory Presbyterian Church, as the sermon text for his funeral service, requesting (as his last will) that I lead his funeral service. The late Pastor Andrew Kim wanted to comfort the mourners who would attend his funeral even in the face of his imminent death during his battle with cancer.

I also pray that the Lord will comfort the mourners who will attend my funeral and mourn my death with His words.

More glorious

God will make His temple more glorious (Ref.: Isaiah 60:7).

We should not be afraid or surprised.

We who have been chosen by God should not be afraid or be surprised. The reason is because our God is with us, strengthening us, helping us, and holding us up with His righteous hand (Ref.: Isaiah 41:10).

If we do not rely on the holy God or ask for His help ...

If we do not rely on the holy God or ask for His help, but instead rely on what we see as the mighty wealth of the rich, the wise God will rise up against us who do evil and will also punish those who help us. When God stretches out His hand, those who help us will fall, and we who are helped will fall and we will all suffer together in disaster (Ref.: Isaiah 31:1-3).

If we continue to be arrogant ...

If we continue to be arrogant, we will find ourselves in a bondage that will be harder to escape (Ref.: Isaiah 28:22).

If we stray from the right path ...

If we stray from the right path, the Lord will be with us and teach us directly, giving us the bread of trouble and the water of trouble, telling us and guiding us to walk the right path (Ref.: Isaiah 30:20-21).

Woe to us if we try to hide our plans from the Lord ...

Woe to us if we try to hide our plans from the Lord, doing our own work in secret, thinking that no one will see or know what we are doing (Ref.: Isaiah 29:15).

If we, like clay, say to God the Creator, who is the potter ...

If we, like clay, say to God the Creator, who is the potter, 'God did not make us.' If we say in our hearts, 'God knows nothing,' we are very wrong (Ref.: Isaiah 29:16).

We should not labor for something that does not give us satisfaction

We should not spend money for things that are not food and labor for things that do not give us satisfaction. We must listen to the word of God. Then we will eat good things and our souls will be satisfied (Ref.: Isaiah 55:2).

God's children who are attractive

God's children who are attractive in God's eyes obey the Word of God the Father (Ref.: Isaiah 53).

Everyone will see

Everyone will see the glory of God and the greatness of our God (Isaiah 35:2).

All their idols are as empty as the wind.

Other than God, all the gods in the world are useless and can do nothing, and all their idols are as empty as the wind (Ref.: Isaiah 41:29).

The main weapon of a bad scoundrel is evil.

The main weapon of a bad scoundrel is evil. He plots evil plans and destroys the poor with lies, putting them in a corner even when they speak the truth (Isaiah 32:7).

Are we complaining of indifference?

Why do we complain that the Lord does not see our suffering and is indifferent to our grievances? (Ref.: Isaiah 40:27)

We must see and acknowledge by faith.

We must see and acknowledge by faith that God has promised us and has fulfilled His promises (Ref.: Isaiah 48:6).

'The right path is here. Walk this way.'

The right path is here. Saints who hear the voice of the Lord saying, "Walk this way," will shout to all their idols, "Go away forever!" (Ref.: Isaiah 30:21-22).

The words that come out of God's mouth will never return to God in vain.

The words that come out of God's mouth will never return to God in vain, but will definitely fulfill God's will and achieve the purpose God intended (Ref.: Isaiah 55:11).

No one responded.

Even though God came to save His people, no one responded. God calls them, but they do not answer. God's Word: "Am I too weak or powerless to save them?" (Ref.: Isaiah 50:2)

They will be ostracized and shamed.

Those who idolize and trust in money and call it god will be ostracized and shamed (Ref.: Isaiah 42:1).

If parents receive a message from God about the disaster ...

If parents receive a message from God about the disaster that will affect their future generations but think that everything is fine because there is peace and safety in their own time, can those parents be said to love their future generations? (Ref.: Isaiah 39:5-8)

When we hear countless voices of unbelief ...

When we hear countless voices of unbelief from Satan's servants, we must pray to God (Ref.: Isaiah 37:1).

Although I have toiled countless times in vain and expended all my strength in vain ...

Although I have toiled countless times in vain and expended all my strength in vain, the Lord will defend me and reward me for what I have done (Ref.: Isaiah 49:4).

Those who live in darkness without light

We must fear God and obey the words of God's servants so that even those who live in darkness without light can trust and rely on God (Ref.: Isaiah 50:10).

Satan whispers countless lies into our thoughts when we are in crisis ...

Satan whispers countless lies into our thoughts when we are in crisis, trying to prevent us from being persuaded by God's word to rely on the Lord. He causes us to doubt and question the Lord (Ref.: Isaiah 36:14-16, 18).

When church members who have succumbed to Satan's temptations speak to us in disbelief ...

When church members who have succumbed to Satan's temptations speak to us in disbelief, saying things like "God will not rescue you from your crisis," we should remain silent and not respond to them at all (Ref.: Isaiah 36:21). The reason we should remain silent is to avoid listening to the voices of disbelief and instead focus on hearing the voice of God and believing in the sound of His word.

Exhort one another to be of good courage

We must help our neighbors and exhort one another to be of good courage (Ref.: Isaiah 41:6).

The Lord, the good shepherd, cares for us ...

The Lord, the good shepherd, cares for us, his flock, gathers us in his arms, sits in his bosom, and guides us with a gentle hand (Ref.: Isaiah 40:11).

All peoples of the world will see the salvation and glory of our church.

All peoples of the world will see the salvation and glory of our church. Our church will be a beautiful crown for God (Ref.: Isaiah 62:2-3).

We must establish truth and righteousness in the world.

We must not stumble or become discouraged, but must establish truth and righteousness in the world (Ref.: Isaiah 42:4).

Even if all the nations of the world are covered in darkness ...

Even if all the nations of the world are covered in darkness, God's glory will shine upon the Lord's church, and all the nations will come to see the glory of God shining upon us (Ref.: Isaiah 60:1-3).

The shame of the worldly, splendid church is being seen.

The shame of the worldly, splendid church is being seen (Ref.: Isaiah 47:3).

And yet the church is unaware of her shame.

They will never be put to shame or disgraced.

Those who make idols will all be put to shame and disgraced, but the Lord's church will receive God's salvation forever and will never be put to shame or disgraced (Ref.: Isaiah 45:16-17).

Sorrow and sighing will disappear

For us, sorrow and sighing will disappear and there will be only everlasting joy and gladness (Ref.: Isaiah 35:10).

The appearance of flashy church members who only see the cross as an ornament will disappear?

The appearance of flashy church members who only see the cross as an ornament will disappear, and the image of believers walking the narrow path of Golgotha carrying the cross of suffering like Jesus will be restored (Ref.: Isaiah 47:1).

Those are no use!

Our evil deeds and plans are of no use (Ref.: Isaiah 59:5).

Nothing may be happening

No matter how much we cry out and weep, hoping that God will save us, nothing may be happening because we might not be recognizing our sins and thus are not repenting (Ref.: Isaiah 59:9-11).

No matter how pretty and beautiful she is ...

No matter how pretty and beautiful she is, her days of glory will come to an end (Ref.: Isaiah 47:1).

Church members who do evil and think they are safe ...

Church members who do evil and think they are safe believe that no one is watching them. They do not realize that their own wisdom and knowledge are leading them astray. Therefore, unexpected disaster will suddenly overtake them, and they will have no way to escape it (Ref.: Isaiah 47:10-11).

Blessed are those who do no evil.

Blessed are those who keep the Sabbath day undefiled and those who do no evil (Isaiah 56:2).

He was killed like the wicked.

Even though Jesus Christ had never sinned or lied, he was killed like the wicked (Ref.: Isaiah 53:9).

For the wicked

God says there is no peace for the wicked (Ref.: Isaiah 48:22).

Wicked people must abandon their evil ways, change their wrong thoughts, and return to God.

Wicked people must abandon their evil ways, change their wrong thoughts, and return to God. Then he will know that God will take pity on him and generously forgive him. (Ref.: Isaiah 55:7).

We must believe that God will help us in the future.

We who have been chosen by God must not be afraid and believe that God not only created us but will also help us in the future (Ref.: Isaiah 44:1-2).

We must encourage and support the weak and helpless.

We must encourage and support the weak and helpless, and exhort those who are afraid to be courageous and not be afraid (Ref.: Isaiah 35:3-4).

A foolish person speaks foolish things ...

A foolish person speaks foolish things, thinks evil things, blasphemes the Lord with his words and actions, and does not give food or drink to those who are hungry and thirsty (Isaiah 32:6).

It was God the Father's will for Jesus Christ to be wounded and suffer.

It was God the Father's will for Jesus Christ to be wounded and suffer. Heavenly Father will accomplish His will through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ (Ref.: Isaiah 53:10).

Jesus Christ was pierced for our transgressions and wounded for our iniquities.

Jesus Christ was pierced for our transgressions and wounded for our iniquities. By the punishment He received, we have peace, and by His stripes, we are healed (Ref.: Isaiah 53:5).

Who would have thought that ...

Who would have thought that it was because of their sins that Jesus Christ was put to death? (Ref.: Isaiah 53:8)

God enables them to win with the gospel and love of Jesus Christ.

God raises up workers with Christ-centered dreams and enables them to win with the gospel and love of Jesus Christ wherever they go (Ref.: Isaiah 41:2).

Whenever we sow the seeds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and God's love

Whenever we sow the seeds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and God's love in the hearts of those we love, following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we pray that the Lord will send showers of blessing so that their souls may grow well and freely partake of God's Word in the Lord's pasture (Ref.: Isaiah 30:23).

We should seek and pursue God while practicing righteousness as Jesus did.

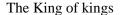
Those who pursue righteousness and seek the Lord should consider Abraham and Sarah. When God called Abraham, he had no children, but God blessed him and gave him children, making his descendants numerous (Isaiah 51:1-2). We should seek and pursue God while practicing righteousness as Jesus did (1 John 2:6, 29). The God who creates something out of nothing will bless us, provide what we lack, and make us and our descendants flourish and prosper.

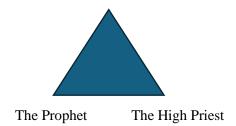
The meaning of "Jesus" being "Christ" and "Lord"

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him" (Colossians 2:6).

The name "Jesus" means 'Savior' or 'Jehovah saves.' When I think of the name "Jesus," I am reminded of Matthew 1:21: "And she will give birth to a Son, and you are to call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Therefore, saying that we have come to believe in Jesus means that we believe that Jesus is the Savior. In other words, we believe that Jesus is God who saves us. We believe in Jesus. We believe that Jesus is God who saves us from our sins. We believe in the truth that Jesus received redemption, the forgiveness of sins by shedding his precious blood on the cross (Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14). In other words, we who believe in Jesus have assurance of forgiveness of sins (Reference: 1 John 1:9). Therefore, living in Jesus means that when we come to believe in Jesus, we not only believe that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous." Not only do we believe that "He will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9), but when Jesus returns to this earth (the Second Coming), we will not only have no sin, but we will also know sin. It means living by faith that we will be clothed with a strong and glorious body (1 Corinthians 15:43).

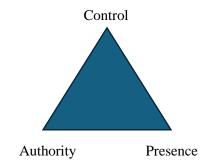
What does the title "Christ" mean? When Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter confessed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:15-16). What does it mean? "Christ" is a Greek word meaning "anointed one" (Hebrew "Messiah"). Who is anointed? They are the king, the prophet, and the priest. Therefore, the meaning of Jesus being "the Christ" is that Jesus is "the King of kings" (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14) and "the Prophet" (Deuteronomy 18:14) and "the High Priest" (Hebrews 3:1).



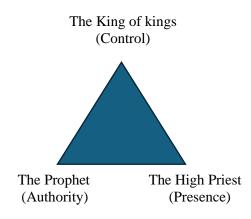


Therefore, living in Christ means that we live the life of a worshiper who holds Jesus as the King of kings in our hearts, listens to the words of the Prophet, and worships God the Father with the help of the mediator role of the High Priest.

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When we acknowledge Jesus as Lord, it means that Jesus controls us, that Jesus is our authority, and that Jesus comes to us. Therefore, what it means to live in the Lord is that when we live under the control of the Lord (under the control/governance of the Lord) and obey the authoritative words of the Lord, we experience the presence of God. And when we confess our faith that Jesus is the Christ and the Lord, we confess that Jesus is God who controls us as the King of kings, speaks authoritative words to us as the prophet, and comes to us as the high priest.



The saying that Jesus is the Christ and the Lord means that Jesus, who saves us from our sins, controls us as the King of kings, speaks authoritative words to us as the Prophet, and comes to us as the High Priest. Jesus rules and governs over us. Jesus gave us a twofold commandment: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37, 39). Jesus will always be with us until the end of the world (28:20; Ref.: John 15:5).

Arrogant church leaders ... (1)

Arrogant church leaders will stumble, break, become trapped, and be captured by the simple and simple words even if the Lord teaches them over and over again in very simple and easy words (Ref.: Isaiah 28:13, 14).

Arrogant church leaders ... (2)

Arrogant church leaders have a hiding place of lies and falsehood, but the Lord will destroy that hiding place of lies (Ref.: Isaiah 28:15, 17).

Those who look to the Lord and rely on Him ...

But those who look to the Lord and rely on Him will gain new strength and soar with wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, and they will walk and not be weary (Isaiah 40:31).

The whole world will see the salvation of our God!

God will reveal His holy power before all nations, and the whole world will see the salvation of our God (Ref.: Isaiah 52:10).

Let us all rejoice and sing together.

Let us all rejoice and sing together as God comforts and rescues us, His children (Ref.: Isaiah 52:9).

Only our God has ...

Only our God has justice and power (Ref.: Isaiah 45:24).

Our God speaks ...

Our God speaks the truth and makes known what is right (Ref.: Isaiah 45:19).

The truth that we must remember and engrave in our hearts

The truth that we must remember and engrave in our hearts is that the idols that people make, bow down to, and serve do not answer people's prayers or save them from tribulation (Ref.: Isaiah 46:6-8).

We will never wail again.

We will never wail again. The Lord will give us grace and answer us when we cry out (Ref.: Isaiah 30:1).

We will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

If we stop oppressing the weak, despising others, and speaking wicked words, and instead give food to the hungry and help those in distress, the darkness around us will become as bright as noon. God will always guide us, satisfy us with good things, and keep us strong. We will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail (Ref.: Isaiah 58:9-11).

When we mourn and fail ...

When we mourn and fail, the Lord will arise and show us His power and strength (Ref.: Isaiah 33:9-10).

We may think we are doing the right thing ...

We may think we are doing the right thing, but God will reveal what we have done (Ref.: Isaiah 57:12).

Isn't the reason we don't fear God ...

Isn't the reason we don't fear God because God has been silent on us for so long? (Ref.: Isaiah 57:11).

When we become like a woman who is powerless to give birth ...

When we become like a woman who is powerless to give birth when her baby is born, we must rely even more on God who is our strength (Ref.: Isaiah 37:3).

We thought of Him as suffering as punishment from God.

Jesus Christ bore our sicknesses and suffered sorrows on our behalf, but we thought of Him as suffering as punishment from God (Ref.: Isaiah 53:4).

We do not have to rush or run away in panic.

We do not have to rush or run away in panic because God will guide us and protect us on all sides (Ref.: Isaiah 52:12).

We must not be afraid and not be surprised.

We must not be afraid and not be surprised. The reason is that God tells us, "You will no longer be put to shame" Because he says, "You will not be put to shame." We will forget the shame of our youth and remember no sorrow (Ref.: Isaiah 54:4).

As free people who left Satan's kingdom ...

As free people who left Satan's kingdom like Babylon, we must sing with joy and declare to the whole world that God has saved us (Ref.: Isaiah 48:20).

We will be shamed and regret it.

If we rely on people who not only lack the power to help but also provide no assistance or benefit, rather than depending on the Lord who helps us, we will be shamed and regret it (Ref.: Isaiah 30:3, 5).

We must spread the truth to the whole world.

We are servants of the Lord. The Lord chose us and is pleased with us. The Lord gave us the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we must spread the truth to the whole world (Ref.: Isaiah 42:1).

We must be silent before God.

We must be silent before God. And we must find refreshment from God (Ref.: Isaiah 41:1).

We must draw close to God and listen to what He has to say to us.

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We must go to God, listen, and pay attention.

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We have sinned against God.

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God gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross to forgive all our sins, save us from eternal destruction, and grant us eternal life. Yet, we did not call on God, felt weary of Him, and did not honor Him with worship. Although God did not demand offerings from us, burdening or troubling us, we did not live as worshippers whom God seeks. Instead, we sinned against God, burdening Him and troubling Him with our iniquities. Despite this, God, for His own sake, blots out our transgressions and says to us, "I will not remember your sins" (Ref.: Isaiah 43:22-25).

Because of God

We are justified and boast because of God (Ref.: Isaiah 45:25).

We must rely on God ...

We must rely on God and serve Him with truth and justice (Ref.: Isaiah 48:1, 2).

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We, who have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, must rely on God. When we do, God will protect us, watching over us day and night so that no one can harm us (Ref.: Isaiah 27:3, 5; Psalms 121).

We did not esteem Him.

Jesus Christ was despised and rejected by people, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. As a result, people hid their faces from Him, and we did not esteem Him (Ref.: Isaiah 53:3).

God is the one who comforts us ...

God is the one who comforts us, so why do we forget our Creator and constantly fear the anger of mortal men, who are like grass, who oppress us and seek to destroy us? (Ref.: Isaiah 51:12-13)

Who then can condemn us as sinners?

Righteous Jesus Christ, who defends us, is with us, and it is God who has justified us. Who can dare to accuse us or bring charges against us? The Lord helps us, and Christ Jesus, who died and was raised to life, is at the right hand of God, interceding for us. Who then can condemn us as sinners? (Ref.: Isaiah 50:8-9; Romans 8:33-34; 1 John 2:1)

We must not be afraid ...

We must not be afraid of the lies of the enemy, the devil, which can frighten us enough (Ref.: Isaiah 37:6).

When we receive letters from people in the world that may be enough to make us afraid ...

When we receive letters from people in the world that may be enough to make us afraid, we should ask God, the Almighty Creator of all the kingdoms of the world (Ref.: Isaiah 37:14-16).

It is our God who first ...

It is our God who first brought us good news! (Ref.: Isaiah 41:27)

Our greatest treasure is serving the Lord with a fearful heart.

The Lord will always provide us with abundant salvation and give us wisdom, knowledge, and stability. Therefore, our greatest treasure is serving the Lord with a fearful heart (Ref.: Isaiah 33:6).

He has no charm or beauty to attract our attention.

Jesus Christ has no grandeur or majesty, no charm or beauty to attract our attention (Ref.: Isaiah 53:2).

Those who make idols are all foolish, and the gods they cherish are useless.

Those who make idols are all foolish, and the gods they cherish are useless. Therefore, those who serve idols, the blind and ignorant, will be put to shame. Creating idols to worship is of no benefit. Those who worship idols will stand together with those who made them before God, trembling in fear and shame (Isaiah 44:9-11).

Those who make and worship idols ...

Those who make and worship idols are foolish and ignorant; they do not understand what they are doing and their eyes and hearts are darkened to the truth. They lack the ability to think, knowledge, or discernment. They are deceived by falsehood, unable to save themselves, and cannot even say that the idol they hold in their hand is not a god (Ref.: Isaiah 44:18-20).

In times of crisis, we can be bold ...

In times of crisis, we can be bold because we trust in and rely on the Lord who is with us (Ref.: Isaiah 36:4, 5, 7).

I hope that such blessings of suffering may be granted to our brothers and sisters in the midst of illness and life-threatening crises, as they cry out to God.

King Hezekiah, at the height of his life, thought he would not be able to live out his full lifespan, as he was on the brink of death. He believed he would never again see God or the living in this world. He thought his life would soon come to an end. He groaned and suffered throughout the night, convinced his life was ending. He wept bitterly and cried out, "O God, I am dying. Save me." At that time, God heard King Hezekiah's plea and extended his life by 15 years. Hezekiah then said, "What can I say? I will live out the rest of my days with a humble heart, reflecting on this suffering." He also said, "It was beneficial for me to have endured this suffering. You loved my soul, rescued me from death, and forgave all my sins" (Isaiah 38:10-15, 17). Thus, the suffering near the brink of death humbled King Hezekiah and made him realize the Lord's love, having been forgiven all his sins. I hope that such blessings of suffering may be granted to our brothers and sisters in the midst of illness and life-threatening crises, as they cry out to God.

May this assurance of salvation be with our brothers and sisters in the midst of illness and life-threatening crises, and may they be able to sing and praise God with faith.

King Hezekiah, who hoped in the Lord's faithfulness, said,
"Those who are dead cannot praise You,
and those who have gone down to the grave
cannot hope for Your faithfulness.
Only the living can praise You today,
as a father tells his children of Your faithfulness.
The Lord will save me, so we will sing and praise Him
with stringed instruments all our days in the house of the Lord"
(Isaiah 38:18-20).
May this assurance of salvation be with our brothers and sisters
in the midst of illness and life-threatening crises,
and may they be able to sing and praise God with faith.

May such grace of recovery be granted to our brothers and sisters in the midst of illness and life-threatening crises, as they cry out to God.

The prophet Isaiah told King Hezekiah, who was sick and near death,

"The Lord has said that the king will not recover,

so you should put everything in order and prepare to die."

Then King Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed in anguish,

"O Lord, remember how I have walked before You faithfully

and with wholehearted devotion,

and how I have done what is good in Your eyes."

At that time, God told the prophet Isaiah,

"Go and tell Hezekiah, 'This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says:

I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will add fifteen years to your life.

I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; I will defend this city''' (Isaiah 38:1-6).

...

Although it was thought that someone near death would not recover,

Hezekiah was restored through his earnest prayer (v. 9),

and his life was extended by 15 years.

May such grace of recovery be granted to our brothers and sisters

in the midst of illness and life-threatening crises, as they cry out to God.

Now He will promise us new words.

The Lord has already fulfilled the promises He made to us before, so now He will promise us new words. The Lord speaks these new words to us even before He fulfills them (Ref.: Isaiah 42:9).

The faith of those who honor and draw near to the Lord with their lips ...

The faith of those who honor and draw near to the Lord with their lips but whose hearts are far from Him is bound by human teachings and regulations (Ref.: Isaiah 29:13).

The righteous God who saves his people ...

The righteous God who saves his people predicted what would happen long ago (Ref.: Isaiah 45:21).

God reveals his glory.

God reveals his glory by saving us (Ref.: Isaiah 44:23).

Are they not thoughtless shepherds?

Are the leaders of the church perhaps all blind, lying down and dreaming, loving to sleep, and like mute dogs unable to bark due to ignorance? And like greedy dogs that are never satisfied, pursuing their own interests by any means, are they not thoughtless shepherds? (Ref.: Isaiah 56:10-11)

We must set them free.

We must bring out those who are trapped in various dark prisons with the love and gospel of Jesus Christ, who is the light, and set them free (Ref.: Isaiah 42:7).

We, small and insignificant, must not be afraid ...

We, small and insignificant, must not be afraid and believe that the holy God, our Savior, will help us (Ref.: Isaiah 41:13-14).

Almighty God fights for the Lord's church ...

Almighty God fights for the Lord's church and protects us (Ref.: Isaiah 31:4-5).

We must know that God is the Almighty God.

We must know that God is the Almighty God who saves and sets us free (Ref.: Isaiah 60:16).

Just as a young man marries a virgin ...

Just as a young man marries a virgin, the Lord who established our church will marry our church, and the Lord, the bridegroom, will rejoice when He sees the bride, the church (Ref.: Isaiah 62:5).

We must uphold

We must uphold justice and do righteousness (Ref.: Isaiah 56:1).

A noble person ...

A noble person plans noble things and is always obsessed with noble things (Ref.: Isaiah 32:8).

Useless help, like a 'paper tiger'

We must not rely on those who provide us with useless help, like a 'paper tiger' (Ref.: Isaiah 30:7).

They will collapse in an instant because of their sins.

Church members who ignore the Word of God and instead believe and follow fraud and lies will collapse in an instant because of their sins (Ref.: Isaiah 30:12-13).

Are we now adding sin to sin?

Are we now adding sin to sin by carrying out plans that the Lord did not make and doing things that are not in line with the Lord's will? (Ref.: Isaiah 30:1)

Aren't we now relying on people other than the Lord ...?

Aren't we now relying on people other than the Lord and asking them for help without even asking the Lord? (Ref.: Isaiah 30:2)

Lord, have grace on us. We long for the Lord.

Lord, have grace on us. We long for the Lord.

Lord, be our strength every day and save us when we are in trouble (Ref.: Isaiah 33:2).

'Lord, we have many sins before You.'

Lord, we have many sins before You. Our sins testify against us, and we acknowledge that we have sinned against You. We have betrayed and defied You, refusing to follow You. We have oppressed others, thought of evil things, and lied. As a result, fairness, justice, truth, and honesty have disappeared from among us. Truth cannot be found anywhere

(Isaiah 59:12-15).

For those who return to the Lord

We must prepare the way for those who go out of the church and return to the Lord (Ref.: Isaiah 62:10).

May the Lord enable even those with crooked hearts ...

May the Lord enable even those with crooked hearts to believe the truth and those who complain to be taught (Ref.: Isaiah 29:24).

I pray that the Lord will allow us Christians ...

I pray that the Lord will allow us Christians to descend deeply into Christ, our root, and prosper like fruit-bearing trees (Ref.: Isaiah 37:31).

The Lord has made us to be the light of this world.

The Lord has called us to demonstrate righteousness. He, the Lord, will protect and protect us. The Lord has made us to be the light of this world (Ref.: Isaiah 42:6).

The Lord himself will teach us.

The Lord himself will teach us and give us prosperity and peace, and we will be established in righteousness (Ref.: Isaiah 54:13-14).

Since the Lord has taught us how to work ...

Since the Lord has taught us how to work, we should know how to do our tasks (Ref.: Isaiah 28:26).

The Lord is going to save God's people.

The Lord is going to save God's people whom God loved and chose. The Lord brings them the gift of eternal life (Ref.: Isaiah 62:11).

The Lord will surely do this.

The Lord will guide us, who are spiritually blind, down paths we do not know, change the darkness before us into light, and make the rough paths smooth. The Lord will surely do this and will never abandon us (Ref.: Isaiah 42:1).

The Lord will not break a bruised reed or quench a dying lamp.

The Lord, who brings us the truth, will not break a bruised reed or quench a dying lamp, but will faithfully provide righteous judgment (Reference: Isaiah 42:3,

The Lord is our Redeemer and our Husband.

The Holy God of all the earth, our Maker, is our Redeemer and our Husband (Ref.: Isaiah 54:5).

The Lord is our Father.

The Lord is our Father who always saves us (Ref.: Isaiah 63:16).

The Lord looks down upon us from heaven ...

The Lord looks down upon us from heaven and sees us from His holy and glorious dwelling place (Ref.: Isaiah 63:15).

The Lord will definitely fulfill the promise!

The Lord will definitely fulfill the promise he made to his church, 'I will build my church' (Ref.: Isaiah 37:32; Matthew 16:18).

God will surely guard and protect the Lord's church.

God will surely guard and protect the Lord's church for Himself and His only Son, Jesus Christ (Ref.: Isaiah 37:35).

Those who attack the Lord's church ...

Those who attack the Lord's church dream of victory, but they will fail (Ref.: Isaiah 29:8).

Until the salvation of the Lord's church blazes like a torch

God will not remain silent or keep still until His righteousness shines brightly and the salvation of the Lord's church blazes like a torch (Ref.: Isaiah 62:1).

We must prepare the way for the Lord.

We must prepare the way for the Lord in this wilderness-like world. We must smooth the highway for the coming Lord (Ref.: Isaiah 40:3). On the day the Lord returns to this world, the glory of God will be revealed and all mankind will see it together (v. 5).

We must spread the good news of our Lord's coming.

We must not be afraid and spread the good news of our Lord's coming to everyone (Ref.: Isaiah 40:9).

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"

The Holy God, our Creator and King, says to us, 'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert.' God has established us for Himself, so we ought to praise Him (Ref.: Isaiah 43:18-21).

May the Lord help us to understand the truth.

May the Lord open our eyes to see God, enable us to hear His voice, and help us to understand the truth (Ref.: Isaiah 32:3-4).

After recovering from illness ...

After recovering from illness, we must be careful lest we sin against God (Ref.: Isaiah 39).

His silence

Jesus Christ, like a lamb led to the slaughter and a sheep silent before its shearers, endured suffering without opening His mouth or breaking His silence (Ref.: Isaiah 53:7).

They will rest comfortably in their beds.

Those who live godly lives and follow the right path will rest comfortably in their beds (Ref.: Isaiah 57:2).

God will greatly exalt us.

God will enable us, His servants, to act wisely and greatly exalt us (Ref.: Isaiah 52:13).

God's chosen people

We are God's chosen people and friends of Jesus (Ref.: Isaiah 41:8; John 15:13-1).

Watchmen must not rest nor be silent day or night.

The watchmen that the Lord has set over our church must not rest or be silent day or night. We must not rest until the Lord establishes His church and makes it praised in the world (Ref.: Isaiah 62:6-7).

Church members who live comfortably and love pleasure?

Church members who live comfortably and love pleasure will suddenly see an unexpected disaster that will strike them and they will have no way to avoid it (Ref.: Isaiah 47:8, 11).

Even though the grass dries and the flowers wither, the word of our God endures forever!

All humans are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. Under the breath of the Lord, the grass withers and the flowers fade. Truly, humans are nothing more than grass. Even though the grass dries and the flowers wither, the word of our God endures forever! (Isaiah 40:6-8)

He gives strength to the weary and increases strength to the helpless.

God is eternal and the creator of the whole world. He is not tired or weary, and his deep thoughts are unfathomable. He gives strength to the weary and increases strength to the helpless (Isaiah 40:28-29).

How beautiful it is in God's sight!

In the eyes of God, the feet of those who climb the mountains bringing the good news of peace and salvation and the good news that God reigns are truly beautiful! (Ref.: Isaiah 52:7)

Everyone in the world will know that there is no god but God.

God gives the president, who does not know God, the strength he needs so that everyone in the world will know that there is no god but God (Ref.: Isaiah 45:5-6).

Those redeemed by God ...

Those redeemed by God will enter the new Jerusalem and experience everlasting joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing will disappear (Ref.: Isaiah 51:11).

We who have been saved by God are His witnesses.

We who have been saved by God are His witnesses. God has chosen us and made us His servants so that we may know, believe, and understand that He alone is the only God. God says to us, 'Before Me no god was formed, nor will there be one after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from Me there is no savior' (Ref.: Isaiah 43:10-11).

It is not that God lacks the power to save us.

It is not that God lacks the power to save us or that His ears are dull and cannot hear our cries. Our sins have separated us from God, and because of them, He has turned away and does not listen to our cries (Ref.: Isaiah 59:1-2).

I hope that God will once again bless ...

I hope that God will once again bless each of our families and turn them into God's garden, so that our families will be filled with joy, pleasure, gratitude, and praise (Ref.: Isaiah 51:3).

May God pour out His Spirit and blessings on our descendants ...

May God pour out His Spirit and blessings on our descendants, so they may grow and flourish like grass and willows by the watercourses (Ref.: Isaiah 44:3-4).

God has determined the course of history.

God, who existed before the world was created and will exist at the end of the world, has determined the course of history (Ref.: Isaiah 41:4).

For God will help us

We will not be dismayed, for God will help us (Ref.: Isaiah 50:7).

When we think that God has abandoned and forgotten us ...

When we think that God has abandoned and forgotten us, His word says, 'Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you (Ref.: Isaiah 49:14-15).

God has sent us ...

God has sent us to heal the brokenhearted, proclaim freedom for the captives, and declare the year of the Lord's favor and the day of our God's vengeance; to comfort all who mourn, provide for those who grieve, give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair, so that they may display the glory of God (Ref.: Isaiah 61:1-3).

God has filled us with the Holy Spirit ...

God has chosen and sent us, filled with the Holy Spirit, to bring good news to the poor (Ref.: Isaiah 61:1).

I pray that God will give us a heart of understanding ...

I pray that God will give us a heart of understanding and awaken us every morning so that we can understand God's teachings (Ref.: Isaiah 50:4-5).

God tells us.

God tells us:

'I will make you a light to all the nations of the earth, that I may bring my salvation to all the world' (Ref.: Isaiah 49:6).

God will pour out His Holy Spirit on us ...

God will pour out His Holy Spirit on us so that we can do what is right and there will always be peace and stability (Ref.: Isaiah 32:15, 17).

May God teach us what to say ...

May God teach us what to say so that we can encourage and help those who are tired (Ref.: Isaiah 50:4).

God will answer our prayers.

God will answer our prayers when we look for water but cannot find it and our tongue is parched with thirst (Ref.: Isaiah 41:17).

Although God has seen our actions, He promises to heal us.

Because of our sins and greed, God has been angry, punishing and forsaking us. Yet, we stubbornly continue to act according to our own ways. Although God has seen our actions, He promises to heal us. God will guide us, help us, and comfort us in our sorrow. Whether we are far away or near, God will give us peace and heal us all (Ref.: Isaiah 57:17-19).

A people blessed by God

Everyone who sees us will recognize that we are a people blessed by God (Ref.: Isaiah 61:9)

What God has spoken and planned will certainly come to pass!

We must remember the former things of long ago. God is God! There is no other god besides Him, and none can compare to Him. God has declared the outcome from the beginning, prophesied long ago what will happen in the future, and assured that His plan will not fail but will accomplish all that He desires. What God has spoken and planned will certainly come to pass (Ref.: Isaiah 46:9-11).

With love and compassion, God has rescued us and always cares for us.

We are children of God who do not lie, and God, our Savior, has personally delivered us by participating in all our troubles. With love and compassion, God has rescued us and always cares for us (Ref.: Isaiah 63:8-9).

God laid the sins of all of us on Jesus Christ.

We all went astray, like sheep that have gone astray. God laid the sins of all of us on Jesus Christ (Ref.: Isaiah 53:6).

When God sees that there is no one to help us ...

When God sees that there is no one to help us, He will save us by His own power and righteousness (Ref.: Isaiah 59:16).

God refines us ...

God refines us not like silver, but tests us with the fire of suffering (Ref.: Isaiah 48:10).

God teaches us for our benefit ...

God teaches us for our benefit and guides us on the right path (Ref.: Isaiah 48:17).

God will save His children who are in crisis ...

God will save us, God's children, in the midst of crisis, so that everyone around us knows that only the Lord is God (Ref.: Isaiah 37:20).

In order to achieve his righteous purpose ...

In order to achieve his righteous purpose, God raises up a president who does not know God and straightens all his ways, ultimately allowing him to rebuild God's church (Ref.: Isaiah 45:13).

God will comfort his children ...

God will comfort his children and have pity on those who are suffering (Ref.: Isaiah 49:13).

I pray that God will make my mouth like a sharp sword ...

God called me even before I was born and remembered my name when I was in my mother's womb. I pray that God will make my mouth like a sharp sword and like a sharp arrow to be used so that I can boldly proclaim the Word of God, the sword of the Holy Spirit (Ref.: Isaiah 49:1-2; Ephesians 6:17).

God will make the Lord's church ...

God will make the Lord's church the eternal pride and joy of all generations (Ref.: Isaiah 60:15).

God calls the man of God ...

God calls the man of God and guides him to successfully carry out his mission (Ref.: Isaiah 48:15).

God establishes the words of His servants.

God establishes the words of His servants.

When God announces His words of promise or plan to His servants,

He always makes those words of promise or plan come true

(Ref.: Isaiah 44:26).

It is to revive the hearts of those who repent.

God is the highest, most holy, and eternal God. The reason God lives in a high and holy place and is with people who deeply regret their sins with a humble heart is to revive the hearts of those who repent (Ref.: Isaiah 57:15).

We must rejoice in our God.

We must rejoice in our God and be proud of Him (Ref.: Isaiah 41:16).

God will pour out his wrath ...

God will pour out his wrath like a flood of words like a terrible fire on proud people (Ref.: Isaiah 30:27-28).

God will punish!

God will punish those who slander others, harass judges, and bear false testimony to frame innocent people (Isaiah 29:21).

God knows everything about the wicked, what they do and where they go.

God knows everything about the wicked, what they do and where they go, the evil they say about Him, their anger toward God, and their arrogant attitude (Ref.: Isaiah 37:28-29).

God created us and has cared for us since we were born.

God created us and has cared for us since we were born. God will be our God and take care of us until we grow old and have gray hair. It is God's word: "I created you, and I will care for you and take care of you; I will help you and save you" (Ref.: Isaiah 46:3-4).

God glorifies His name.

God guides His children through a wilderness-like world and glorifies His name (Ref.: Isaiah 63:14).

God will save us for His sake.

God will save us for His sake. God will never dishonor His name. God will never hand over his glory to another god (Ref.: Isaiah 48:11).

For the sake of His name and to receive praise from us

God suppresses His anger toward us for the sake of His name and to receive praise from us (Ref.: Isaiah 48:9).

Those who trust in God ...

All idols that cannot save us will be blown away by the wind and by our breath. But those who trust in God will inherit God's holy mountain (Ref.: Isaiah 57:13).

Those who trust in God are blessed.

Because God is righteous, He will have mercy on us. Therefore, those who trust in God are blessed (Ref.: Isaiah 30:18).

Cannot stop God's work of salvation!

No one can stop God's work of salvation (Ref.: Isaiah 43:12-13).

God's ways higher than our ways, and God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

For God's thoughts are not our thoughts, and God's ways are not our ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways higher than our ways, and God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts (Reference: Isaiah 55:8-9).

God definitely accomplishes His will.

God definitely accomplishes His will through His people (Ref.: Isaiah 48:14).

God swore

God swore:

'A righteous word has gone out of my mouth, it will never return' (Isaiah 45:23).

Ministers of our God

The world will call us ministers of our God (Ref.: Isaiah 61:6).

God protects us with His hand.

God teaches us His lessons and protects us with His hand (Ref.: Isaiah 51:16).

As the light of God's grace shines upon us like the morning sun ...

As the light of God's grace shines upon us like the morning sun, may the wounds of our hearts be swiftly healed. May God always be with us, protecting us on every side. When we pray, may God answer us, and when we ask for help, may God respond, saying, "Here I am" (Ref.: Isaiah 58:8-9).

God's righteous salvation is at hand, not far off.

God's righteous salvation is at hand, not far off. God will not delay, but will bring salvation to the church and reveal His glory to us! (Ref.: Isaiah 46:13).

God has given us abundant grace through His mercy and steadfast love.

We must speak of God's steadfast love and praise Him for all He has done for us. God has given us abundant grace through His mercy and steadfast love (Ref.: Isaiah 63:7).

Christians who keep God's word of truth in their hearts

Christians who keep God's word of truth in their hearts know what is right. They listen to the word of God. They are not afraid or surprised when people mock and ridicule them. They believe that God's righteousness endures forever and that God's salvation extends from generation to generation (Ref.: Isaiah 51:7-8).

Realizing God's words of discipline

Realizing God's words of discipline will actually be a source of fear for us (Ref.: Isaiah 28:19).

The fast God delights

God says: 'The fast I delight in is to loose the chains of oppression, to break every yoke, and to set the oppressed free. Share your food with the hungry, welcome the homeless and wandering poor into your homes, clothe the naked, and do not turn away your relative in need, but help him' (Isaiah 58:6-7).

'Children of God whom God loves and whom He never abandons'

People will call our church "God's holy people," "those saved by God," and "children of God whom God loves and whom He will never abandon" (Ref.: Isaiah 62:12).

Church members who never want to listen to the Lord's teachings

Church members who always defy God and lie, never wanting to listen to the Lord's teachings, say in their hearts to the pastor, 'Do not preach to us what is right; tell us pleasant things and preach illusions. Leave this path, get off this way, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel' (Ref.: Isaiah 30:9-11).

"Hephzibah" and "Beulah"

People will call the church "Hephzibah," meaning that God is pleased with them, and "Beulah," meaning that they are married. This will please God with our church. For the Lord will be like a married husband to us (Ref.: Isaiah 62:4).

Could it be that our sin ...

Could it be that our sin is telling lies with our lips and spitting out evil things with our tongues? Could it be that our sin is lying, plotting evil, and harming others? (Ref.: Isaiah 59:3-4)

Is it possible that the church is currently in a state of drunkenness?

Is it possible that the church is currently in a state of drunkenness? Aren't pastors and elders drinking too much, stumbling around like crazy, and making foolish mistakes? (Ref.: Isaiah 28:7)

Could it be that we Christians, while speaking as if we are doing right, not forsaking the Lord's commands ...

Could it be that we Christians, while speaking as if we are doing right, not forsaking the Lord's commands, seeking the Lord every Sunday, desiring to know His word, and taking delight in drawing near to Him, are actually sinning against the Lord? (Ref.: Isaiah 58:1-2)

Nowadays, we Christians say we are fasting to humble ourselves ...

Nowadays, we Christians say we are fasting to humble ourselves, but aren't we doing whatever we want and continuing to fight and fight with each other? If so, the Lord's words are, 'What good is this fasting of yours? Do you think that because you fast like this, I will hear your prayers? 'Do you think I will be pleased with this kind of fasting?' (Ref.: Isaiah 58:3-5)

Great plans and amazing wisdom

Almighty God has great plans and amazing wisdom for us (Ref.: Isaiah 28:29).