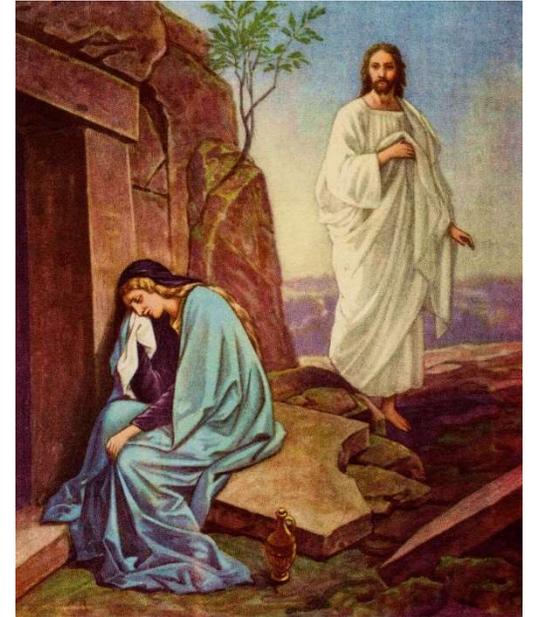


Are we really the people of God?



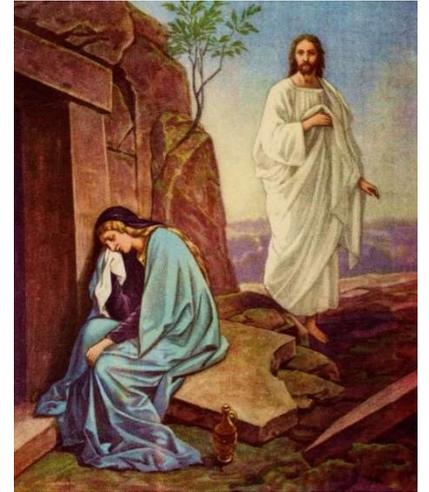
1. My righteous servant secured redemption for all



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55:3-56:2	Seek
56:3-8	Belong
56:9-12	Devour



3. The Righteous Servant is looking for His people to be

REJOICING



	Exhortation	To who?	WHY? (For/because/implicit)
54:1	"Sing, O barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labour;	Invitation to Israel if they respond to the Lord Almighty	Because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband

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CLAIMING WON TERRITORY

54:2,3 Enlarge the place of
your tent, stretch
your tent curtains
wide, do not hold
back; lengthen your
cords, strengthen
your stakes.

**For you will spread out to the
right and to the left; your
descendants will dispossess
nations and settle in their
desolate cities.**



3. The Righteous Servant is looking for His people to NOT FEAR

54:4-17 **Do not be afraid**; you will not suffer shame. **Do not fear** disgrace; you will not be humiliated. **You will forget the shame** of your youth and **remember no more the reproach** of your widowhood.

5 **For your Maker is your husband—the LORD Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.** The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit—a wife who married young, only to be rejected," says your God. "For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but **with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,**" says the LORD your Redeemer. 16. "See, **it is I who created** the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. **This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me,**" declares the LORD.

3. The Righteous Servant is looking for His people to be CLOSE TO HIM SO OTHERS WILL COME

55:3-5	Listen and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live.	3. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour."
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3. The Righteous servant is looking for His people to be

TRULY REDEEMED

<p>55:6-56:2</p>	<p>¶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon</p>	<p>8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.</p> <p>9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.</p> <p>10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,</p> <p>11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.</p> <p>12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.</p> <p>13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."</p> <p>56:1 ¶ This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.</p> <p>2 Blessed is the man who does this, the man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil."</p>
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3. *The Righteous servant is looking for His people to be*

FROM ALL NATIONS/WALKS

<p>56:3-8</p>	<p>3 ¶ Let no foreigner who has bound himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely exclude me from his people." And let not any eunuch complain, "I am only a dry tree."</p>	<p>4 For this is what the LORD says: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant—</p> <p>5 to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off.</p> <p>6 And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—</p> <p>7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."</p> <p>8 The Sovereign LORD declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."</p>
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3. The Righteous servant is looking for His people to be

WALKING AS HIS SHOULD

56:9-12	9 ¶ Come, all you beasts of the field, come and devour, all you beasts of the forest!	10 Israel's watchmen are blind, they all lack knowledge; they are all mute dogs, they cannot bark; they lie around and dream, they love to sleep. 11 They are dogs with mighty appetites; they never have enough. They are shepherds who lack understanding; they all turn to their own way, each seeks his own gain. 12 "Come," each one cries, "let me get wine! Let us drink our fill of beer! And tomorrow will be like today, or even far better."
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54:1	Sing	Rejoicing
54:2,3	Enlarge	Claiming Won Territory
54:4-17	Fear not	From Fear to Faith
55:1,2	Come	Come With Others
55:3-5	Listen	Truly Redeemed
55:3-56:2	Seek	For All
56:3-8	Belong	Including you and me
56:9-12	Devour	Walking As His Should



*The Lord's Servant calls each of us
to live with Him as His people*

