

Isaiah 63:7–14

Led by God for the Glory of His Love

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 • Read Isaiah 63:7–14

Questions from the Scripture text: What will the speaker mention (v7a)? What else (v7b)? Regarding what (v7c–d)? What caused Him to bestow all this good upon them (v7e–f)? What did He bestow upon them (v8a–b)? What did He become in order to give this (v8c)? How much did He identify with them (v9a–b)? Why and how did He come to identify with them in this way (v9c)? What has He done for them (v9d) for how long (v9e)? But what did they do (v10a)? And how did He respond (v10b–c)? What did He remember (v11a–b)? And what, specifically (v11c–13; cf. Num 14:11–25)? How easily does the Lord do the work in v14a–b? What else does He do as easily (v14c–d)?

With what does prayer for help and revival begin? Isaiah 63:7–14 prepares us for the first serial reading in public worship on the Lord's Day. In these eight verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **prayer for help and revival begins with the Lord's own character and commitment**.

Kesseds begin and end v7 in the original. The one praying (cf. v15) here reminds God of His own covenant love. He also reminds God that it was from His own character (and certainly not in response to any goodness in them) that the Lord committed Himself to His people (v8–9). "My people" (v8a), "children" (v8b) and "redeemed" (v9c) are all the language of family and legal relationship. He committed Himself to save them (v8c, 9b) and keep them from their own lies (v8b). He has loved them from beginning to end (v9d–e). This has required discipline (v10), but also persistent patience, for the sake of His glory and Spirit, which He had invested in saving them, and called to remembrance (v11–13). How glorious and powerful is God? It was no more difficult to him than giving a beast a rest in a valley (v14a–b). His Spirit rules and overrules all things, small and great. And by His Spirit, He completes the salvation of His redeemed.

How can you be saved from your sin and rebellion? What is God remembering when He saves you?

Sample prayer: Lord, we are amazed at Your love and power in which You redeem. Remember Your character, in which You committed to save us. And, glorify Yourself, Your love, and power by leading us now in the same love, through Christ, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP23B "The LORD's My Shepherd" or TPH433 "Amazing Grace"

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Isaiah 63 verses 7 through 14. These are God's words. I will mention the loving kindnesses of Yahweh and the Praises of Yahweh. According to all that Yahweh has bestowed on And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he has bestowed on them according to his mercies, according to the multitude of His loving kindnesses.

For he said, surely they are my people children, who will not lie. So, he became their savior. In all their Affliction, he was afflicted, And the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and in his pity. He redeemed them. And he bore them. And carried them. All the days of old.

But they rebelled and grieved his holy spirit. So, he turned himself against them as an enemy and he fought against them. And he remembered the days of old. Moses and his people. Saying, where is he? Who brought them up out of the sea? With the shepherd of his flock.

Where is he? Who put his holy spirit within them? Who led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm? Dividing the water before them to make for himself. An everlasting name. Who led them through the deep as a horse in the wilderness that they might not stumble.

As a beast goes down into the valley and the spirit of Yahweh causes him to rest. So lead your people. To make yourself. A glorious name. Amen, that sentence this reading of gods inspired and in Aaron tort This little passage we have an inclusia.

Short, passage or sometimes longer. But in this case, short passage. In which the beginning and the end are on a particular theme and that is The name of Yahweh. It is for making himself a glorious name. That he leads his people in verse 14 at the end and the front, bookend.

We have this repeated emphasis in the beginning of verse 7 of Yahweh of Yahweh of Yahweh. And very specifically verse 7 itself is also an inclusio. You can see it a little bit in the English, you can see that. The last word is totally made up in English. It's the plural of Hessed steadfast love magnified, by making it plural, which is something that is done in Hebrew, and not so much in English.

Except for maybe by little children who are just learning to speak and are more intuitive than the developed language. And so When they want to magnify something, they add a plural because that's more of it. Um, but the hazards. Um, but in the Hebrew, presids is also the first word in verse 7.

In order to smooth out the English translation. They've moved it forward a little bit. I will mention the I will mention the the Incalculable. Steadfast love. Uh, of Yahweh. And so this is the great way in which The great aspect of his own character that the Lord has emphasized as he has Revealed himself, displayed himself.

To us. And so it's according to his own character. Not just these hesitates that bookend. Verse 7, but in the middle midst of verse 7, you have his Praises, his praise worthiness, his generosity twice. You have. Um, this bestowing his goodness, his uh, his mercies or compassions. Uh, and so you have This amazing explosion of Of the character of our God, that led to election.

That's what's going on in verse 8, he says, surely they are my people children, who will not lie. Well, we know that that's what he has determined for them to be elected them to be, but that is not how they start out, is it? Um they start out doing almost nothing but lying, they are Unfaithful unstable, continuously Rebelling even when they repent it's like Vapor that burns off almost instant.

It's like Vapor that burns off almost instantly. And so you have the end of verse 8. So he became their savior. Not just to deliver them from external troubles, like Egypt, but to deliver them from their own character. Which he does by Leading and by chastening, and by bringing them to repentance.

He identifies with his people. He says, they are my people. Verse 8, the language children is language of adoption. He identifies with them in their suffering in all their Affliction. He was afflicted. And don't forget that the word redeemed refers to taking the The place, the role, the duty, the privilege of being next of kin, he redeemed them is also family language identifying himself with these people that he has elected.

And then, of course, the very tender And faithful persistent metaphor. He bore them. So he gave birth to them. He fathered them. And carried them. All the days of old. Um, We know what Israel are like in the wilderness. And we have seen many times already even though Only halfway through the book of numbers.

We have seen many times already, the amazing Persistence of God's grace, and mercy and patience to them. And now that Grace and mercy is pictured in The metaphor

of a tender father. Who has fathered this child and Israel in the in the wilderness. Israel through their history is his little baby.

That he is carrying. He bore them and carried them. All the days of old. And so out of his character has come this electing love. Surely they are my people which has included this plan for salvation. And this plan for, Begetting them and carrying them. Um, but as our own children often do and continuing And somewhat of an apt analogy here verse 10.

But they rebelled and grieved his holy His holy spirit to verse 11, reminds us was not just Working upon them, the way he works on everything. The way he works even on The Beast that is led down into the valley. Like a horse verse 14. But his holy spirit whom he had put in their midst, his holy Who ministered the presence of God to them in the glory cloud and and In the Tabernacle.

And so he had fathered them, he was leading them, he was carrying them. And they grieved his This helps us understand when Uh the Apostle comes and says grieve, not the Holy Spirit, addressing us about Holiness in general, but especially about how Believers treat one another in the end of Ephesians 4 and onto.

Continuing the theme. Also after saying that in Ephesians 5, That we don't want to grieve the Holy Spirit whom we have and whom we have within us. Because God has been pleased to show the greatness of his incalculable. Steadfast, love and praise and generosity, and goodness and compassion. Uh, by electing to save us and starting his salvation upon us and giving his Spirit to us.

We must not. Grief, the Holy Spirit of thought. But when they did verse 10 Rebel and grief, his spirit, he turned himself against them as an enemy and he fought against them. This isn't contrary to his electing purpose, it's part of saving them. Part of bringing them to be those quote, unquote children who do not lie.

As Hebrews 12 tells us, you know, we have Earthly fathers, who disciplined? As seemed best to them, as what they thought was good for us, sometimes they were right. And sometimes they were wrong. But God disciplines us for our good to make us righteous and peaceful and holy to prepare us for that final Uh, ratification of our adoption as his children, the Redemption of our bodies to conform us to Christ in our souls so that we will be prepared for that.

Verse 11. When verse 11 says, then he remembered the days of old it doesn't mean that he had forgotten them when he was disciplining them. It meant that the work was. Not yet complete. That has disciplining them, his turning himself against them and fighting against them. Uh was a middle action.

Wasn't the last action. That he's still acting according to the same love in which he fathered them the same love in which he carried them the same love in which he gave them. His. Holy Then he remembered the days of old he's working in that same love Moses. And his people saying where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the Shepherds?

It's plural of his flock. Where is he? Who put his holy spirit within them? And so, he When? Gathers his people to himself when he brings an elect sinner. To repentance. He's showing that he's still the same God. That he is the same yesterday and today and forever. And when, of course, when Hebrews says that about Jesus, it identifies it identifies, Jesus, as Yahweh.

The one who is verse 9, the angel of his face. Uh, literally The messenger from the face of God. As John tells us, In the beginning was the word. The word was facing God, and the Word was God. The word was in the beginning. Facing God, he says twice.

He is the angel of his face, the messenger of the word. Of his face. And, He is the same. Now, he's the same with us when he brings us to our initial repentances. The same with us when we've been sinning or cold or careless. In our spiritual walk and he does something through some circumstance or or suddenly pierces us through some word from scripture, whether in our secret worship or preached to us.

And he restores us to himself. He shows that he is still the same God as he was then and he's working in the same love and he's working in the same power. For the glory of his name. Who led them by the right hand of Moses, with his glorious arm dividing, the water before them to make for himself, an everlasting name, who led them through the deep as a horse in the wilderness that they might not stumble.

And we remember what Israel was? Like at the time, they were not good. That God was gracious. And so whenever he leads his people, now he's still doing the same thing making for himself a glorious name. And it's not difficult for him. He is The Sovereign Lord who rules and overrules all things.

Because of some, Uh, erroneous ideas about the Holy Spirit and emphasis And how we think about the Holy? There is. Not enough of an understanding of how continuously God works by his spirit in the world. But he says, as a beast goes down into the valley and the spirit of Yahweh causes him to rest, That tells us that it reminds us.

You know, when God says about the The Sparrows, two of them are sold for a penny, not one of them falls to the ground. Apart from the will of our father. That it's God's holy spirit in care. For all his creation, that attends to everything. Uh, or one of us, in particular has done a lot of training, our dog, But God, the Holy Spirit cares for and and upholds and enables the dog to act, according to the character that God gave it.

God, the Holy Spirit watches over all the well, if he is doing that, As their creator. How much more for us? Who have been adopted by the father? Surely. They are my people, he says. Who have been redeemed by the? Saved by the angel of his presence. Who have been indwelt by his Spirit?

He put his holy spirit within them. If the Holy Spirit, even Helps horses find water. The Wilderness in a valley. How much more? How much more? The electing love of God and the Glorious character, the gracious character. I've got as shown as he leads his people. To make for himself a glorious name.

So, the Lord presents you with A portrait of what he is, like, towards you. As he saves you as he corrects you. As he leads you. He is never changing in all of that. And therefore, we ought to love him and worship Him. This glorious name that he is making for himself.

We have to Rejoice That this is how he has been pleased to glorify himself and give him. The praise. That is due. To that Glory. We should love him. Who first loved us and hate to grieve him. Let's pray.

Thank you, Father. Thank you. Our Triune Godfather Son and Holy.

That you are. This. That we have. Just had declared to us in this passage. That has. Elected in redeeming love, electing love. From all eternity, that have worked. In this power. And in this law of this Grace, this Mercy. Among your people. And great and Signal ways and then, Also in each of Our Lives, I pray that you would help.

Each of my children help my wife, help me. To know you as this God to Day by day and all of your dealings with us and give us O Lord to have dealings with you from the heart. In everything that we do. Forgive us our sins for there are many Persist with us.

Out of remembrance of your electing love and your Covenant commitment. Encourage us from your word and make us to love you. Make us hate to grieve your spirit. Make us to enjoy. That you are being glorified by means of Our Lives. Make us to adore and worship your glory.

Sure. We ask all these things to Christ. Amen.