

**“YHWH Moshi'ek Go'alek:
The LORD your Savior and your Redeemer”**
Sermon Notes

➤ **Yahweh, our Savior and Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob, is a God with a profound sense of irony.**

1. He harnesses the unjust as instruments of His law (Isa 49:26).

2. But he also harnesses the merciless as instruments of His leniency (Isa 60:10-16).

Next Week: “YHWH Tsidkenu: The LORD is Righteous” – Jeremiah 23:6 (1-8); 33:16 (14-26)

Community Group Study Questions

For the Week of July 24th - 30th

Context

This week we are focusing on God as he was revealed to Isaiah as Savior and Redeemer.

1. Isaiah served as a prophet during the reigns of five kings, including Ahaz and his son, Hezekiah.
 - a. Who did these kings turn to for rescue? (See 2 Chr 28: 15-20; 32:1-8). What was the outcome?
2. Prior to appealing to Assyria for help, Ahaz was advised to trust in the Lord for aid (Isa 7:1-12).
 - a. How did Ahaz respond? (Isa 7:10-13). Was his response correct? (See Luke 4:12). What is wrong with his response?
 - b. What sign is given? (See Isa 7:14-16; 8:3-4, 18) What is the significance of the name, Immanuel? (See Deut 31:6; Josh 1:9; Matt 1:13). What is the relationship between the prophet's son, Maher-shalal-hash-baz (the name means "the spoil speeds, the prey hastes") and Immanuel (Isa 9:6-7)?
3. During his reign, due to the disastrous policies of his father, Ahaz, King Hezekiah was under tribute to Assyria (2 Kings 18:14-16). How was Hezekiah saved from the Assyrians? (See Isa 37:14-38).

Observation

1. In Isa 49:26 and Isa 60:16, the Lord refers to himself as YHWH, your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
 - a. We discussed God's might when we discussed Gen 17:1-2; 28:3; 35:11; 43:14; and 48:3 in our study of God as El Shaddai: God Almighty.
 - b. A savior is a deliverer, or rescuer. Are other saviors mentioned in the Bible? (See Jdg 3:9; 15; 2 Kg 1:15)
 1. What are some examples of times when God saved Israel? (Ps 106:21)
 2. Who is the ultimate savior (Mt 1:21; Lk 2:11; Jn 4:42; Acts 13:23, 6:31, 13:23; Tit 3:4)? From what danger does he save us? (2 Tim 1:10)
 - c. A redeemer is someone who who buys back a slave by payment of ransom. (Ex 21:7-8; Num 18:15-16; Lev 25:4-7)
 1. Redemption could also be made for someone whose life was legally forfeit (Ex 21:28-32).
 1. How was Israel redeemed by God? (Ex 6:6; Deut 15:15; Isa 52:3; 45:13)
 2. What ransom was paid by the ultimate redeemer? (Matt 20:28; Mark 10:45; Acts 20:28)
 3. From what have we been redeemed? (Tit 2:13-14)
 4. What is the relationship of the redeemed to their redeemer? (1 Cor 7:22-24)

2. The prophecy about salvation in Chapter 49 is preceded by a prophecy about the Servant of the Lord (Isa 49:1-7). What is the connection to the prophecy about salvation in Chapter 49?
3. The prophecy about salvation in Chapter 49 is followed by another oracle about the Servant of God in Chapter 50. What is the connection?
4. The prophecy about the future Glory of Israel in chapter 60 is preceded by a prophecy of judgment. What is the connection?
5. The prophecy about the future glory of Israel in chapter 60 is followed by a prophecy about the year of the Lord's favor in Chapter 61. What is the connection? When is the year of the Lord's favor?

Meaning

1. In Chapter 49 of Isaiah, the LORD promises a restoration for Israel.
 1. What evidence will God provide to show that he has not forsaken Israel? (49:18-21)
 2. Has this evidence come to pass, or is it yet in the future?
2. In Chapter 60 of Isaiah God describes a time when the nation will build, rather than tear down the city of God (Isa 60:10-14). Has this transformation of the nations yet taken place?
 1. There is a warning for nations who fail to participate (v 12). Has that warning been fulfilled?

Application

1. In light of what we have learned, how should we respond to the challenges we face today in terms of financial crises, legal crises, and war?
2. Do these passages challenge your beliefs? Do you rely upon your finances, your country, or our alliances for your safety and security?
3. What evidence is there in your life that you are trusting in God's promise of salvation and redemption?