

## A New Name.

Isaiah 62:1-5.

Sunday evening, February 8, 2009.

### I. No peace or rest. Vs. 1.

- A. The speaker of this chapter is the Lord Himself as is clear from vs. 6.
- B. A sinner can not find peace or rest for his soul until he comes to the Lord and rests his soul in humble faith on Christ.
- C. Here the Lord describes Himself as not giving Himself peace or rest until He has done for Zion what He has purposed.
- D. That purpose is described as the going forth of the Lord's righteousness in the midst of Zion.  
Two descriptions follow:
  - 1. The going forth of brightness. What is meant is the brightness of the rising sun which gradually climbs above the horizon.
  - 2. A lamp which burns. What is meant here is a blazing torch.
- E. What zeal and determination is here shown in God's heart toward His own people!

### Application:

What comfort is here for us in the discovery we make of the heart of God. He will not hold His peace and He will not give Himself rest until He has accomplished for us what He set out to do. Here is the zeal of the Lord at work in behalf of needy sinners, and He will not give up until He has accomplished what He set out to do. Shall we not entrust ourselves once again to His faithful Father heart, and to the zeal with which He works all things for our eternal good?

### II. Two crowns. Vs. 2,3.

- A. Zion will be crowned with righteousness and with glory.  
She will be invested with righteousness and glory for all to see.  
Even kings, who usually only look at their own glory, will not be able to ignore what the Lord has done for Zion, and what glory He has endowed her with.
  - 1. It will be an inner glory; a beauty of heart and spirit. Such a beauty is but seldom found among the great ones of the earth.
  - 2. This inward beauty will be complemented by an outward glory and prosperity. "No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." Ps 84:11.
  - 3. The Lord Himself, who works all things for Zion, is her glory.  
She reflects back to Him only that glory which He has invested in her.
  - 4. As the glory of the singers and musicians of Ps 87:7 was in Zion, saying: "All my fountains are in thee," So Zion says here of her Lord: "All my fountains are in Thee." All the grace and glory welling up in her soul are their because the Lord of grace and glory Himself has taken up His residence in her soul.
- B. Zion is not only constituted as having been crowned with righteousness and glory,  
but she herself is constituted both a crown and a diadem in the hand of her Lord.
  - 1. Rather than being on the head of the Lord, she is seen as being in His hand.  
This denotes that she is still a work in progress.

2. She is termed a crown of glory denoting the golden crowns kings would wear on their heads in token of their power and glory.
3. She is also termed a royal diadem. This is a reference to another headdress of kings in the ancient world; the turbans. Around these turbans they would

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a cloth band or wrapping which was highly decorated with gold embroidery and gems of various kinds. The term diadem refers to this band or wrapping with which the kings' turban was decorated. Its function was equal to that of a crown, signifying royal authority and glory.

Application:

Have you learned to see yourself this way. Have you taken the Lord as your glory?

Do you know that you are the glory of the Lord; that He holds you as such in His hand?

### III. A new name. Vs. 2,4.

- A. With a new standing comes a new name. (Also a new song in the NT.) Vs. 4.
- B. This is illustrated in the life of Abram and Sarai. When the Lord was ready to give them the promised seed, He changed their names to Abraham and Sarah.
- C. It is illustrated in the life of Jacob. When the Lord brings him back into the land of promise, he wrestles all night with the Lord at the Jabbok River. He will not let the Lord go unless the Lord blesses him, and so he receives the blessing in

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form of a changed name; Israel (Prince of God).

- D. So it is with Jerusalem and Zion; OT designations for the Covenant Community. When she enters the NT times her name is changed to "Jerusalem Above; The Heavenly Jerusalem; The Church of the living God, and The Bride of Christ." All these are designations the Lord Himself gave through His Apostles. Vs. 2 b.
- E. The change in standing and in name is illustrated in vs. 4.  
No more Azubah (Forsaken), a proper name; the mother of king Jehoshaphat.  
No more Shemamah (Desolate), a made up name.  
Now Hephzibah (My Delight), a proper name; wife of king Hezekiah.  
Now Beulah (Married), a made up name.

Application: To the overcomers in the church of Pergamus the Lord says that He will give them a new name which no one knows except he who receives it. Rev 2:17.

Has there been a day in which your status and your name were changed by the Lord?

### IV. A double delight.

- A. As a young man marries a virgin, so your sons shall marry you (possess and treasure the Lord's inheritance; His people).
- B. As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Application:

Do you delight in the Lord's people; His church. Have you taken them for yourself as did Ruth? Have you given yourself to them?