

Jesus the Beautiful Savior

Isa 52:7

7 How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" NKJV

When Isaiah spoke these words it was almost 200 years before the fulfilment of them. It seemed that the nation had time to repent, to turn around before God would bring judgment upon them in another 125 years. But this passage even goes beyond that to the time when God would have mercy on the nation and allow the Jews to come back to the land. This prophecy has in mind those first captives coming over the hills from Babylon and proclaiming to everyone as they go, "Good news." And proclaiming peace brought by the Medo-Persian victory over the Babylonians. As they come proclaiming good tidings and salvation to the people, they call out, "Your God reigns."

But I think that like many passages throughout the book of Isaiah, that this passage has a fuller interpretation. One that not only speaks to the inhabitants of Israel but to the whole world. And that is the proclamation of Jesus Christ that came two thousand years ago to proclaim peace and good news and to proclaim the setting free of the captives of sin. And you have to see that that makes his feet beautiful.

This morning I want to talk to you about our beautiful Savior.

- I. How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news
 - A. He offers forgiveness of sins.
 1. Col 1:19-20 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. NKJV
 - B. He offers escape from judgment.
 - C. He offers eternal life with Him.
- II. Who proclaims peace,
 - A. The primary peace that Jesus gives us is between us and God.
 1. Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, NKJV
 2. John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. NKJV
 - B. Jesus also promises us peace within.
 1. Phil 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your

hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. NKJV

- C. And if we would live by His principles we would have peace with each other.
- III. Who brings glad tidings of good things,
- A. How God's providence watches over us.
 - B. How God's Spirit is the seal of our salvation.
 - C. How God leads His children and keeps them.
 - D. How we can have wisdom in Him.
 - E. How He gives us victory over all our enemies.
- IV. Who proclaims salvation,
- A. He can save from the power of sin.
 - 1. Only through Jesus can we have victory over the destroying sin in our lives.
 - 2. Only through Jesus can we live a victorious Christian life.
 - 3. Only through Jesus can we overcome temptations.
 - B. For our families.
 - 1. How many men and women have I spoken to and told them that Jesus could save their family but they would not.
 - 2. How many times have I given them the Word of God to guide them but they turn back from sound instruction.
 - 3. Jesus and only Jesus can bring salvation out of the turmoil of our marriages.
 - C. For our children.
 - 1. God's plan is Godly offspring.
 - 2. But it only comes when we listen to the one who proclaims Salvation, He alone has salvation.
 - 3. Dr. Spock certainly didn't, and neither do the child experts today. Remember that the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.
- V. Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
- A. Our God reigns.
 - B. All things are possible because our God reigns.
 - C. At promise keepers one of the speakers told of a painting of a chess board entitled Checkmate.