

God Is Restoring His People

"I Sing, O barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband," says the LORD. ² "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. ³ For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. ⁴ "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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ "For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. ⁸ 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. ⁹ "To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. ¹⁰ Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. ¹¹ "O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. ¹² I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. ¹³ All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace. ¹⁴ In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. ¹⁵ If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you. 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; ¹⁷ 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." (Isaiah 54:1-17)

God is calling back His people to restore them back to Him. That was a prophetic Word that the prophet Isaiah had received from the Lord, it contains encouragement, assurance and exhortation to what is in the mind of God and what He is about to do. In Isaiah 53 the chapter previous to Isaiah 54 it speaks about the suffering of God's servant and how he accepts God's will to receive the suffering and the punishment that is due to others. ³ *He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed*

and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth." (Isaiah 53:3-5)

Jesus is the Lamb of God who took away our sins. He is the one who fulfilled the Word of God in Isaiah 53. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for our sins. He was buried and rose from the death on the third day to give us eternal life and life to full we who believe in Him and follow His steps in our lives. In Isaiah 53 there is the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus Christ, therefore in Isaiah 54 is the new life and the hope that Christ brought back to His people. Isaiah 54 is equal to the great task that Jesus gave after His resurrection to His church to go and make disciples of all nations as we read in *Matthew 28:18-20*, *"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* The Great Commission is the great blessings of God to His people and His Church that He planted on earth. It is the time for the church to expand and to grow and to reach other areas of the world and disciple all the nations for Christ. God's Word assures us to go and do His work. *For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities;* God will give us what our enemies had laboured for.

Do not be afraid, Jesus Christ is with you as you go and do the missions work. The wrong things that had happened in the past will not be repeated again. God is calling you back to fulfill His plan; *He is called the God of all the earth*. God today is renewing His covenant with you. Things in the past you did wrong and God had disciplined you for that, but as you repent God is reaffirming His covenant of love with you. God is building us again to the calling that we had before but failed Him. God is calling us back with great compassion. We will be comforted and God would make us forget the days of our suffering and reproach.

All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace. As we live according to the Word of God and His commands then there will be among us a pattern of sound living that goes with God's instruction. Our children they will catch the right action, step, decision and attitude from what they see in us. They will follow the Word of God that they will see in action. God is living among us; He is happy and joyous to see us in unity and obedience. He is dwelling among us in the Holy Spirit, caring for us and providing for us and for our children and descendants all what we need to fulfill what He called us to achieve, and we will be really in the peace of God that surpass all understanding.

My Dear and Beloved: God had promised, *Tyranny will be far from you, you will have nothing to fear, whoever attacks you will surrender to you, and no weapon forged against you will prevail*. God will protect us from all the enemies, so trust the Lord and obey Him and do the Work of God faithfully as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to live faithfully in your church, and to be good example to others in my life testimony, in my life of prayers and in giving to the mission that you call me to be part of. Lord equips me and enables me I am willing to serve you wholeheartedly, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*