

God's Promises and Our Prayer

Isaiah 62

What has God promised to do for His people?

All peoples and kings will see the righteousness and glory of God's people (2-3)

God will no longer forsake Israel, but will delight in her (4-5)

Never again will God allow His people to be plundered (8-9)

God Himself will come and redeem His people (11-12)

How certain is it that God will fulfill these promises?

V.8 — the Lord has sworn that He will fulfill these promises

V.11 — the Lord has proclaimed that He will fulfill these promises

What does Isaiah call God's people to do?

He calls us to pray and ask God to fulfill these promises (vv.1,6-7)

What does this teach us about prayer?

1. God has chosen to have our prayers move Him to act. (v.7)

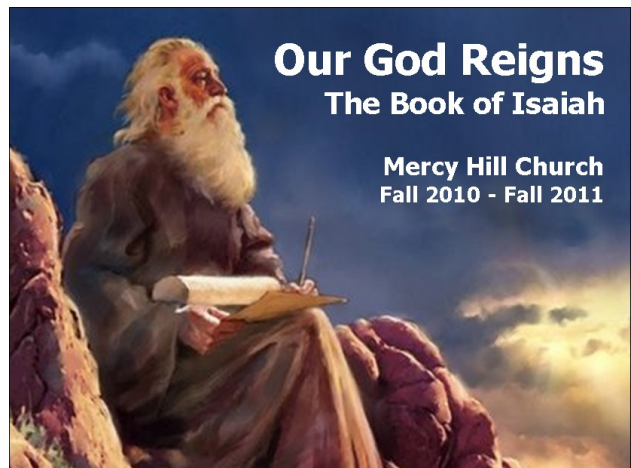
Prayer gives us the joy of relationship with God.
Prayer gives our lives great meaning.
Prayer gives God great glory.

2. If we don't pray, in many cases God won't act (v.1)

God sovereignly moves people to pray for those things He has absolutely promised to do.

There are also things God would have done, that he does not do because we don't pray.

3. Because prayer is so important, we should be devoted to it. (vv.6-7)



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Have you ever wondered what difference prayer makes, if God is sovereign over everything? How have you answered this question?

How confident are you that your prayer makes any difference?

Do you agree that there are things God would have done, but does not do because we don't pray? Why or why not?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

