

## II.VIII THE NATIONS WILL DELIGHT TO WALK IN GOD'S LAW: Isaiah 2:2-3 - Shepherd School

### I. OPENING RAYER: All.

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### II. SERMON:

#### THE NATIONS WILL DELIGHT TO WALK IN GOD'S LAW: Isaiah 2:2-3

**INTRODUCTION/DOCTRINE.** All the nations shall flow into the Kingdom of Christ on earth, desiring to learn His ways and walk in His paths, which are revealed in His Law.

**CONTEXT.** The Old Covenant church is floundering in Isaiah's day (ch. 1), therefore the Lord sends a promise through Isaiah concerning how the church will flourish once His Christ steps on to the scene ("the latter days").

**OUTLINE.** Five instructive truths from our text, with uses sprinkled throughout, and then four inferences and exhortations to finish.

### I. THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST ON EARTH SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AND LIFTED UP ABOVE ALL OTHER KINGDOMS (Is. 2:2a).

#### Isaiah 2:2a

"It *shall* come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;"

- **Matthew Poole:** "*In the last days; in the times of the Messiah or the gospel, as the generality both of Jewish and Christian writers understand it, and as may further appear both from the use of this phrase in this sense, Jeremiah 48:47, 49:39, Ezekiel 38:8,16 Da 10:14 Hosea 3:5, Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2, 1 John 2:18, and from the conversion of the Gentiles here promised, which was not to be till that time; and from the nature of the thing, for this really was the last time and state of the church in the world; the Jewish pedagogy was to be abolished, but Christ's institutions were to continue to the end of the world.*"

- **Matthew Poole:** *"The mountain of the Lord's house; the temple of the Lord which is upon Mount Moriah; which yet is not to be understood literally of that material temple, but mystically of the church of God, as appears from the next following words, which will not admit of a literal interpretation; and from the flowing of all nations to it, which was not to that temple, nor indeed was fulfilled till that temple was destroyed; and from the frequent use of this metaphor, the temple, or the house of the Lord, concerning the Christian church, both in the Old and the New Testament.*

*Shall be exalted above the hills; shall be placed and settled in a most conspicuous and glorious manner, being advanced above all other churches and kingdoms in the world."*

### **What great encouragement you should use this truth for!**

- **Like John Owen said,** "I know the gospel will succeed, and this comforts me greatly."

### **USE FOR EXHORTATION**

Think and pray and plan and build like Christ's kingdom on earth is established and lifted up above all others, because it is.

### **[REPEAT POINT]**

"It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;"

## **II. THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST ON EARTH SHALL DRAW IN ALL THE NATIONS (Is. 2:2b-3a).**

### **Isaiah 2:2b-3a**

"2b and all the nations shall flow to it, 3a and many peoples shall come,"

- **TRAPP:** "As waters roll and run toward the sea; but that these waters shall flow upward, flow to the mountain, as here, is as wonderful as that the sun should send his beams downward to the earth, when as it is the property of all fire to aspire and fly upwards. This is the Lord's own work, and it is marvellous in our eyes. The metaphor of flowing importeth the coming of people to Christ by the preaching of the Gospel. 1. Freely, Psalms 110:3 2. Swiftly, as the waters of the river Tigris, swift as an arrow out of a bow. See Isaiah 60:8 3. Plentifully, by whole nations turned to the faith, and giving up their names to Christ. 4. Jointly, as Micah 4:2 , Zechariah 8:21 5. Zealously, bearing down all obstacles that would dam

up their way. 6. Constantly and continually, as rivers run perpetually, by reason of the perennity of their fountains; and are never dried up, though sometimes fuller than some."

- **TRAPP:** "The conversion of the Gentiles is here foretold, a piece of that mystery of godliness, 1 Timothy 3:16 . The Jews usually call Christians in contempt Gozin (the word here used), and Mamzer Goi, bastard Gentiles. But, either they must come under this name themselves or deny that they are the posterity of Abraham, Genesis 12:2 , where God saith, 'I will make of thee a great nation.'"

### **USE FOR EXAMINATION**

**Q.** Does this text fit your outlook on history, where it has been and where it is going? Or do you just push it to after the second coming of Christ?

**It fit the outlook of those who first came to this country, our national and spiritual forefathers.**

- **Thomas Shepard**, an early American Puritan, evangelized the Native Americans, and later wrote a book on it, recounting the gospel-success He saw God work in the Indians.

**Here is the title:** THE CLEAR SUNSHINE OF THE GOSPEL BREAKING FORTH UPON THE INDIANS IN NEW ENGLAND: OR, AN HISTORICAL NARRATION OF GOD'S WONDERFUL WORKINGS UPON SUNDRY OF THE INDIANS, BOTH CHIEF GOVERNORS AND COMMON PEOPLE. IN BRINGING THEM TO A WILLING AND DESIRED SUBMISSION TO THE ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL, AND FRAMING THEIR HEARTS TO AN EARNEST INQUIRY AFTER THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE FATHER, AND OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD." — *vol 3 of Thomas Shepard's works*

- **Guess what the text of Scripture was the he explains and links to this book? Isaiah 2:2-3.**

### **[REPEAT POINT]**

"2b and all the nations shall flow to it, 3a and many peoples shall come,"

**III. THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST ON EARTH SHALL BE FILLED WITH PEOPLE DESIRING TO LEARN THE LORD'S WAYS (Is. 2:3b).**

**Isaiah 2:3b**

and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,

that He may teach us His ways"

- **MATTHEW POOLE:** "[They] shall not only have some weak desires of going, but shall be ready to take pains, and shall actually go. And say; such shall be their zeal, that they shall not only go themselves, but shall persuade and press others to go with them."

- **Those Christians who deny the hope expressed in postmillennialism contradict their doctrine with their practice when they evangelize.**

**PROOF:** Gentiles, who have flowed into the Kingdom of Christ, compelling other Gentiles to come to Christ—that is what is promised here in Isaiah 2.

**[REPEAT POINT]**

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that He may teach us His ways"

## **IV. THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST ON EARTH SHALL BE FILLED WITH PEOPLE DESIRING TO WALK IN THE LORD'S PATHS (Is. 2:3c).**

**Isaiah 2:3c**

"and that we may walk in His paths."

- **Matthew Poole:** "they show the truth of their conversion by their hearty desire to be instructed in the way or method of worshipping and serving God acceptably, and by their firm purpose of practising the instructions given to them. For: this last clause contains the reason why the people should be so forward to go, and to invite others to go with them;"

**[REPEAT POINT]**

"Come [say the nations]...that we may walk in His paths."

## **V. THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST ON EARTH SHALL HAVE SUCCESS BECAUSE OF THE LORD'S LAW AND GOSPEL IS SENT TO ALL NATIONS (Is. 2:3d).**

**Isaiah 2:3d**

"For out of Zion shall go forth the law,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

- **OUT OF ZION. . .FROM JERUSALEM.** c.f. Acts 1:8.
- **THE LAW, AND THE WORD.** c.f. Matthew 28:18-20.

- **Isaiah 42:4** "He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law."

### **USE FOR WARNING AND REBUKE**

The Lord has already promised the coastlands are waiting for His Law and the law will go forth from Zion.

If you do not proclaim the Law of God and the Gospel of God, you may be counted as a thief! Do not rob the nations of what the Lord has promised them and they are said to be waiting for.

### **[REPEAT POINT]**

"For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

LET ME POINT OUT TO YOU FOUR INFERENCES COUPLED WITH FOUR EXHORTATIONS BEFORE WE PRAY AND ASK GOD'S BLESSING.

### **I) The Ceremonial Law will continually go forth to all nations and point to Christ and His perfect redemption!**

- Oh how the epistle to the Hebrews helps the saints better understand and appreciate the redemption Christ purchased for His bride!
  - That letter is largely an explanation of the ceremonial law being fulfilled in Christ's person and work. Therein is the use of the ceremonial Law today and indeed until the second coming.
    - "For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

*Therefore, I exhort you to learn and proclaim the Ceremonial Law and how it is fulfilled in Christ!*

### **II) The Judicial Law will continually go forth to all nations, and the general equity thereof will help societies establish justice and righteousness in the gates!**

- **1 Corinthians 9:8-10** "8 Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same? 9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, <sup>u</sup>"You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? 10 Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop."
  - "For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

*Therefore, I exhort you to learn and proclaim the Judicial Law and how its general equity can help societies establish justice and righteousness in their sphere of sovereignty!*

### **III) The Moral Law will continually go forth to the nations and drive sinners to Christ!**

- "For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

*Therefore, I exhort you to learn and proclaim the Moral Law and how it leaves the sinner exposed before a thrice holy God, in need of Christ to save them!*

*Then show them the once-crucified now resurrected Christ who saves to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him!*

### **IV) The Moral Law will continually go forth to the nations, instructing saints in how to walk pleasingly to the Lord by the Spirit!**

- "For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

*Therefore, I exhort you to learn and proclaim the Moral Law and how it instructs the saint concerning how to walk pleasingly out of gratitude for their redemption!*

### **CONCLUDING EXHORTATION.**

**For God's glory and your neighbors' good, labor to do your duty in sending forth the law from Zion and the Word from Jerusalem!**

**Begin with your home.**

**Advance to your vocation.**

**Move forward then to the public square.**

**Do not stop short of the Magistrate.**

**Do not stop until the nations love and obey Christ out of grateful joy.**

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### **III. SONG:**

*B r e a k (start back at 7:10pm)*

**IV. 1689 Confession: Ch 19. Par 6-7 (finish by 7:35pm)**

## **V. DISCUSSION** (finish by 8pm)

*God's Law Made Easy*

*The Ten Commandments*

**Closing Prayer**

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**SYLLABUS**

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WEEK	Scripture	Book I <i>(read before)</i>	Book II <i>(read before)</i>	1689 Confession	Certificate Essays	Certificate Exposition
1. 2/12	2 Timothy 2:1-7	INTRO	INTRO	INTRO	INTRO	INTRO
2. 2/19	1 Thessalonians 2:13	<b>The Properties of the Written Word, Part 1: Authority and Clarity</b> <i>Reformed Systematic Theology (vol. 1)</i> by Joel Beeke (pg. 334-351)	<b>The Ten Commandments Obedience &amp; Love</b> by Thomas Watson	<b>1689 Confession</b> Ch. 1 Par. 1-3		
3. 2/26	Isaiah 8:19-20	<b>The Properties of the Written Word, Part 2: Necessity, Unity, Efficacy</b> <i>Reformed Systematic Theology (vol. 1)</i> by Joel Beeke (pg. 352-370)	<b>The Ten Commandments The Preface to the Commandments (pg. 12-29)</b> by Thomas Watson	<b>1689 Confession</b> Ch. 1 Par. 4-5		
4. 3/5	Psalms 19:7-11	<b>The Properties of the Written Word, Part 3: Inerrant Veracity</b> <i>Reformed Systematic Theology (vol. 1)</i> by Joel Beeke (pg. 371-382)	<b>The Ten Commandments The Preface to the Commandments (pg. 29-43)</b> by Thomas Watson	<b>1689 Confession</b> Ch. 1 Par. 6-8		First Draft Exposition Due *Certificate path will meet an extra night this week
5. 3/12	2 Timothy 3:15-17	<b>The Properties of the Written Word, Part 5: Sufficiency</b> <i>Reformed Systematic Theology (vol. 1)</i> by Joel Beeke (pg. 395-408)	<b>The Ten Commandments The Right Understanding of the Law</b> by Thomas Watson	<b>1689 Confession</b> Ch. 1 Par. 9-10		
6. 3/19	Matthew 19:17 + Romans 2:14-15	<b>Introduction + The Essence of God's Law</b> <i>God's Law Made Easy</i> by Kenneth Gentry (pg. 1-24)	<b>The Ten Commandments The First Commandment</b> by Thomas Watson	<b>1689 Confession</b> Ch. 19 Par. 1-2		
7. 3/26	Matthew 5:17-20	<b>Christ and God's Law + The New Testament and God's Law</b> <i>God's Law Made Easy</i> by Kenneth Gentry (pg. 25-46)	<b>The Ten Commandments The Second Commandment</b> by Thomas Watson	<b>1689 Confession</b> Ch. 19 Par. 3-5	Short Essay on the Sufficiency of the Scriptures *1,000-1,200 words	

