

The Effective Word

Isaiah 55:10-13

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Ps. 33:6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Heb. 1:2-3 In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and **he upholds the universe by the word of his power**. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Is. 46:10-11 Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

Rom. 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Eph. 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Ps. 119:9, 11 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word... I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

1 Pet. 2:2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.

The First Song of the Servant, 42:1-9

The Essence of the Messiah's Ministry

Is. 42:1, 3 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations... a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

The Second Song of the Servant, 49:1-13

The Scope of the Messiah's Ministry

Is. 49:6-7 It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One...

The Third Song of the Servant, 50:4-10

The Character of the Messiah's Ministry

Is. 50:6-7 I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The Fourth Song of the Servant, 52:13 – 53:12

The Result of the Messiah's Ministry

Is. 53:5,11 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed... Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Is. 54:1, 10 Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud... For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Is. 55:1-2 Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Is. 55:6-7 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

I. The Ministry of the Messiah Is the Main Theme of God's Word

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The Word of God makes the soul fruitful by revealing Jesus Christ to it.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Gal. 5:6, 22-23 For **in Christ Jesus** neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love... But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

II. The Covenant Established by the Messiah Is the Central Point of God's Word

Is. 42:6 I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; **I will give you as a covenant for the people**, a light for the nations.

Is. 49:8 Thus says the LORD: 'In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and **give you as a covenant to the people**, to establish the land.'

Is. 53:4-5 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Is. 53:10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Rom. 3:23-25 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, **through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

Rom. 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Is. 54:10 For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and **my covenant of peace shall not be removed**," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Is. 55:3 Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and **I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love** for David.

The Bible presents Christ not merely as a great teacher or a moral example. It reveals the eternal Son of God, who took on human nature, bore the sins of His people, endured God's judgment in their place, gave His life for our redemption, and established the New Covenant through His blood. His resurrection became the confirmation that His redemptive work was truly accomplished and accepted by the Father.

III. Knowing the Messiah Is the Primary Means by Which God's Word Works

Is. 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; **by his knowledge** shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Eph. 4:11-13 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of **the knowledge of the Son of God**, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Phil. 3:8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of **knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.

IV. Trusting the Messiah Is the Only Way to Receive God's Word

Is. 55:2-3 **Listen diligently to me**, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. **Incline your ear**, and come to me; **hear**, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Is. 55:7-9 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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Is. 55:12-13 For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

John 12:48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.