

Isaiah 52:7-10
&
Luke 1:46-49

**Christmas: Not a call to a party,
But a call to respond!**

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

“At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

And now, what do I have here...My Name is constantly blasphemed. Therefore, My people will know my Name; therefore in that day they will know it is I who foretold it...”

Isaiah 52: 4-6

“Do not listen to Hezekiah. This is what the king of Assyria says: Make peace with me and come out to me. Then every one of you will eat from his own vine and fig tree and drink water from his own cistern, until I come and take you to a land like your own-a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards”

Isaiah 36: 16-17

‘There is no peace,’ says the Lord, ‘for the wicked.’

Isaiah 48:22

‘I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.’

John 16:33

‘You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.’

Acts 10:36

THE ABSENCE OF JESUS GUARANTEES THE
ABSENCE OF PEACE

For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility

Ephesians 2:14

...His purpose was to create in Himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace

Ephesians 2:15b

...and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility.

Ephesians 2:16

The God of peace will soon crash satan under your feet.

Romans 16:20

PEACE IS BEING RECONCILED TO JESUS

WE NEED TO HAVE BEAUTIFUL FEET BRINGING
GOOD NEWS IN ALL THE DOOM AND GLOOM
AROUND US

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Listen! Your watchmen lift up your voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord will lay bare His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52:8

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die, and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his wicked ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself.’”

Ezekiel 33:7-9

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.**”

- Matthew 28:18-20

Israel's watchmen are blind, they all lack knowledge; they are all mute dogs, they cannot bark; they lie around and dream, they love to sleep. They are dogs with mighty appetites; they never have enough. They are shepherds who lack understanding, they all turn to their own way, each seeks his own gain.

Isaiah 56:10-11

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Isa 52:9,10

God's arm is a holy arm stretched out in purity and justice, in defence of holiness and in pursuance of His promise. All the world will have the benefit of it.

See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and
His arm rules for Him.

See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense
accompanies Him.

Isaiah 40:10

And Mary said:

'My soul glorifies the Lord

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for He has been mindful

of the humble state of His servant.

From now on all generations will call me

blessed,

for the Mighty One has done great things for

me-

Holy is His name.

Luke 1:46-49

- V48 He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant
- V50...His mercy extends to those who fear Him
- V51...He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts
- V52...He has lifted up the humble

Mary was a nobody who became greater than everybody, simply because God came to her and she responded in the humblest way possible.

-Timothy Keller

God can and will use anyone willing to be used.

God needs us to be humble.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Psalm 51:17

Humility is an attitude of the heart that empties itself of itself and leaves room only for God to do as He pleases, for His glory, in that individual.