

table talk

HAVE LUNCH.
BRING A FRIEND.
BEGIN A CONVERSATION.

This Thursday 12:10 – 12:50pm
Fellowship Room Sign up on website
\$5 Sandwich \$10 Salad

The Dangers of Drifting

“You’re Wrong to Tell Me that I’m Wrong!”

The Subtle Influence of Moral Relativism



Isaiah

hope has a name!

“The Suffering Servant”

ISAIAH 49-57



hope has a name!

God's Upper Story plan is
to work through US to
bring the light of the
Gospel to the whole world.

...see Matthew 28.

This plan began with Israel.

God raised up a people
(Israel) to serve Him.

To be a blessing to
everyone on earth.

To reveal the Glory of God.

Sadly...

Israel failed over & over.

They trusted themselves.

They trusted other nations.

They trusted in idols.

They didn't trust God.

...which is exactly what we do.

Israel needed help.
We need help.

Romans 7:24-25

“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

In the year 700BC,
through Isaiah the prophet,

God declared:

"I am going to do a new thing.

I am going to raise up a

Faithful Servant." (Isaiah 48)

Isaiah 48:6b-11

“From now on I will tell you of new things, of hidden things unknown to you. They are created now, and not long ago; you have not heard of them before today. So you cannot say, ‘Yes, I knew of them.’ You have neither heard nor understood; from of old your ears have not been open. Well do I know how treacherous you are; you were called a rebel from birth. For my own name’s sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of my praise I hold it back from you, so as not to destroy you completely. See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another.

Isaiah 48:18-19

"If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea. Your descendants would have been like the sand, your children like its numberless grains; their name would never be blotted out nor destroyed from before me."

What is this “new thing”?

The coming of the Faithful

Servant. The Messiah.

Jesus.

The 2nd half of Isaiah
(chapters 40-66) focuses on
four Servant Songs that
leave no doubt who the
Faithful Servant is.



Isaiah wrote down these prophecies in 700BC.

Isaiah describes The Messiah
in extraordinary detail.
He calls Him "The Servant".



700BC

125-150BC

Servant Song #1

Isaiah 42:1-4

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen One in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him, and He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice; He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on earth. In His teaching the islands will put their hope.”

Servant Song #1

Jesus will come in tenderness and compassion. He will set an example by putting the needs of others above Himself.

Servant Song #2

Isaiah 49:5-7

And now the Lord (Jesus) says — He who formed me in the womb to be His servant to bring Jacob back to Him and gather Israel to Himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord and my God has been my strength—

He (God) says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” This is what the Lord says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to Him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: “Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Servant Song #2

Jesus was formed in Mary's womb not only be a Servant to Israel...but to rescue and deliver ALL PEOPLE on earth.

Servant Song #3

Isaiah 50:4-11

“The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the Word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near.

Servant Song #3

Isaiah 50:4-11

“Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of His servant? Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on their God.

But now, all you who light fires and provide yourselves with flaming torches, go, walk in the light of your fires and of the torches you have set ablaze. This is what you shall receive from my hand: You will lie down in torment.”

Servant Song #3

Jesus walks in obedience to God.
Even in ridicule & shame (the cross!)
He is honored and strengthened
by His Father.

It is the fourth Servant Song
that provides the most detail—
and leaves NO DOUBT as to
why Jesus came.

Servant Song #4

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

“See, my servant will act wisely; He will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at Him — His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and His form marred beyond human likeness — so He will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of Him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Servant Song #4

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

“Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem.

Servant Song #4

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

“Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Servant Song #4

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

“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 its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away. Yet who of His generation protested? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

Servant Song #4

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

“Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life an offering for sin, He will see his offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand. After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**These Words are, simply put,
holy ground.**

1) This is all TRUE.

*These words were written
down, sealed up and sitting
in a jar 150 years before they
ever happened.*

1) This is all TRUE.

*There is NO DOUBT this is
describing the crucifixion
of Jesus.*

2) This is all about GRACE.

Isaiah 40:1-2

*“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim
to her that her hard service has been
completed, that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord’s
hand double for all her sins.*”

2) This is all about GRACE.

Isaiah 53:4-6

“Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

3) Grace is the message of
the Bible.

It's the essence of the Gospel.

Isaiah 53:10

"...the Lord makes His life an offering for sin."

4) This is why we have JOY.

Isaiah chapter 54

*"Sing...burst into song...shout for joy...
enlarge the place of your tent...do not be
afraid...for your Maker is your bridegroom...
He is God-of-the-Angel Armies!"*

4) This is why we have JOY.

Isaiah 54:8

*“With everlasting kindness I will have
compassion on you—”*

Isaiah 54:17

*“No weapon forged against you will prevail...
This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord.”*

5) This is the invitation.

Isaiah 55:1; 6-7

“Come, all you who are thirsty...and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! ...Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.”

5) This is the invitation.

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

5) This is the invitation.

Romans 10:9-10

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

