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Sunday 1st Message

Now Hear, O Israel

Is 44:1-8

God does everything through his word. He first speaks, and then fulfills it accordingly. John 1:14 says that the word became flesh and dwelt among us. This means that Christ is the word of God. Therefore, God does everything through Christ. He crushes the head of Satan and opens the way to resolve original sin caused by Satan. Thus, those who believe in the blood of Christ are set free from the curses of Satan and original sin.
On the contrary, we conquer Satan and original sin. This is the authority of the blood of Christ. It solves the fundamental problem and completely sets mankind free from all curses. Therefore, those who enjoy the blood of Christ enjoy freedom from everything, live in victory, conquer, and bring life to others. All the people in the Bible who followed the word lived this kind of life.

1. **Now Hear, O Israel**
    1) God is telling us to now hear his word. It was an age filled with severe idolatry and disregard for God's word. Now, God gives two reasons why we must listen to God's word: O Jacob my servant and Israel whom I have chosen. These are the reasons why we must hear the word of God. Such people must absolutely listen to the word and live according to it. If they do just that, they will live like those in the Bible. Everyone in the Bible lived by following God's word.
    2) And beginning in verse 3, God speaks of what we must hear: "For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants." Then, in verse 4, "They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams." So He says, "Listen to my words, hold them in your heart, let them become your covenant, be engraved within you, and become like those in Scripture.
    3) And in verse 6, the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, says this: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. I am the one who began everything, and I am the one who will bring everything to an end. Who else can do this besides me? Therefore, there is no god besides me. All other gods are demons. They are all lies and deceptions. They are dead." This is the word of the Lord.
    4) Verse 7: "Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Is there any god who can explain anything to me? If so, let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Have I not been the one to proclaim to my people what will take place, to make it known, and to fulfill it exactly as spoken? Is there any god who can do this? If so, let them do it now." This is what the Lord has said.
    5) Verse 8: "Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?" This means he has allowed you to hear his word. "Have I not declared it to you? Therefore, do not be afraid. My word will surely be fulfilled. Then, you will have nothing to worry about. What in this world could overcome my word?"
    6) "You are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any." An unshakable Rock - no one can move it. If anyone can shake me, let them come and try. Is there anyone who knows what is to come? Then let them come and speak. Is there anyone who can explain anything to me? If so, let them come and do it.
    7) No one until now, up to this very moment, has come before God with such a theme. This is the word that God is speaking to us today. Now, listen to my word. Through today's passage, God is speaking just one thing. And if we do, too, hold onto just one thing in our hearts today, that will be enough. From now on, I will live by the word. I will never forget it and I will carry it in my heart for the rest of my life. That is all that is needed.
    8) When the word is imprinted in your heart, it becomes a covenant, a weapon, and an answer. It becomes the greatest weapon against Satan (Matthew 4:1-11), and because the covenant remains in your heart for life, you will live in peace, gratitude, and happiness. You will gain hope, be healed, and achieve victory. It is the state of having already conquered everything in life within your heart.
    9) It will become the center of your prayer, give you the strength to pray, and enable 24 hour communication with God. Even without speaking, you will be in a state of communion, and God will

begin resolving every problem. You will transcend the world and human limitations. You will not stumble because of events in the world or fall into trials because of people.

10) One day, God gave Moses a word that would become the covenant of his lifetime: “Go with the people to the land of Canaan, and after a three-day journey into the wilderness, offer a sacrificial worship.” Because God had to fulfill this simple word, he resolved every problem that arose in the wilderness.
11) The Red Sea was crossed on dry ground, and the pursuing enemies were all drowned in its waters. Manna came down from heaven, and the people never once had to labor for food. God led them to places with drinking water, and at times, even brought water out of rocks. During the day, he protected those journeying to Canaan with a pillar of cloud, and at night with a pillar of fire.
12) In the wilderness, not a single thing was able to overcome the word of God. No human, no nation, no problem, and no circumstances could defeat his word. Even when the Israelites displayed disbelief or openly opposed God, they could not stop the fulfillment of his word. Even when they sided with Satan by demanding to return back to Egypt, the word was still fulfilled exactly according to God’s time schedule.
13) They came out of Egypt on the day of the Passover, and after entering Canaan, the day after they observed the Passover again, the manna ceased. From Passover to Passover, God brought the journey to completion. Passover is a fixed feast day - the 14th day of the first month. This means that God calculated the time schedule precisely and led them into Canaan in exact alignment with that appointed date. The message behind this time schedule was the blood of the Lamb.
14) So the Lord said today: “Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb, now hear.” This is how we all ought to be. This imprint resolves all life’s problems. All issues that entered through original sin are solved through his covenant. This is the reason the Lord came, and it is for this very purpose that he died on the cross.
15) Now all that’s needed is for it to be imprinted. If you keep listening, God will give you the time schedule for that imprinting. That is why he told us to listen. If Christ comes into us and takes root, then that covenant will become our life. Our lives will unfold exactly according to that word, and God will lead us according to that covenant. Then, regardless of what problems arise in the wilderness, you will overcome, conquer, enjoy, and bring life.
16) May this amazing blessing be upon all of us, and may we truly become people who live lives like those in the Bible.