



Lesson 9 April 25th, 2020

The Lord Loves Justice

JUNIOR LESSON

Study Scripture – Isaiah 61:8-11; 62:2-4

Background Scripture – Isaiah 60-61

Key Verse:

“For, I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.”

Isaiah 61:8

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever felt tired and droopy when you come home maybe from a hard day at school and you know that you have some chores to do at home? Then just as you feel you are too tired to do anything more you see that Mom or Dad or maybe Grandma has prepared and left a beautiful piece of cake just for you. Your energy comes back in a big rush. Life is like that all the time.

When you have some important things to do you need something to give you a special burst of energy and lift you up from where you are.

When you feel the love God on you it's like getting a gentle rain of fresh cool water on a hot day and you feel refreshed and ready to go out again, do a lot, and conquer the world.

Jesus felt this way when He went and attended Sabbath service in His hometown of Nazareth. He always made a big deal out of going to attend synagogue services on the Sabbath day. He had just been baptized and He was ready to begin the ministry that God the Father had given Him to do.

So when He was asked to read the Scriptures that day He told the people attending church that the Spirit of the Lord God was on Him and had lifted Him up giving Him strength, joy, and energy. He was ready to preach the Good News of God's love to others and to comfort all the people that were sad because they were under a heavy load of difficulty.

Our first lesson therefore is that when you receive God's Spirit of love and you live with that spirit of love in your life you will like Jesus have the energy to rise up, bringing joy, beauty, and comfort to others who need help. You two will do good things for others and for the world even if the world looks very large.

Let me remind you, and you should never ever forget this, that once you believe in Jesus Christ you have the Spirit of God in you. The Spirit will guide you to do several things. You do not have to worry about your ability to do these things. All you have to do is to get accustomed to asking Jesus for help and then do the best you can.

Jesus is our example. He said that He brought Good News. He was therefore directed to serve three sets of people. We can follow His example.

The first group was the poor, those that did not have much money. But lack of money was not the only problem for the poor. The poor are people that do not have much mental strength because of the problems of life they faced. They need to be lifted up.

The second group was the broken-hearted. A broken-hearted person is a person who has lost hope and who is grieving. Sometimes you might meet children or young people who have lost parents or other loved ones and you have to try to remove the cause of their grief by encouraging them to look on the bright side of life, and to give them reason to hope once again. Sometimes you might have to get help from an adult who has been through these difficult situations before for they might know the right words to say.

The next group to be helped are people who are under some kind of lock and key having lost their freedom. They do not think that they belong. They might tell you that people do not treat them as if they are human beings.

You have to tell them what Jesus told the people that He met. He told them that God loved them and was willing to bring blessings to them. To God they were extremely lovely people and He was willing to repair everything around them that had been destroyed. To prove this Jesus did many miracles and healed many people of sicknesses. You might not be able to heal people of physical illnesses but you can get help for them from God. Sometimes you might tell others of the problem and they might have the solution. /but this would mean you have the mind of Christ that makes you ready to help

God was a very just God and He promised that He would give these people who are suffering double to compensate them for what they have suffered. They would be given so much that they would rejoice twice as much as they had suffered and they would have everlasting joy.

God doesn't like to see people so sad and so He told them He would make an everlasting agreement or covenant with them. God would do this because he Hated injustice. Though others might not have treated them well He would treat them doubly well and would bless them so that they would be transformed or changed completely.

God will change everything so that they would resemble just like people in a wedding party dressed in beautiful wedding clothes with diamonds and adorned with jewels and all kinds of adornment. They would be like the groom and his attendants who would not look ordinary but



would now turn every head to look at them. They would be like a bride and her attendants who might have thought they looked ordinary but now they would now take on a new beauty.

Jesus taught and we should teach that God loves Justice and He would give His people a new name, clear up their shameful past and sins, justify them, and establish again their good reputation among the people around them. God would arise and make His glory seen in them. Because of His love of justice, God would give the people he had restored to His favour such great blessings that they would have **“a crowd of beauty”** and would look like **“a royal diadem”** in the hand of God. They would be wearing something looking like a headband with a lot of jewels in it. It would look so fabulous that people would see God's glory on them and would regard them as one of God's proudest possessions.

It sometimes is hard for some people to remember that they are among God's proudest possessions. God is proud of you and He wants you to stay close to Him. He is a God of justice. He is very fair. If you're suffered a lot He is willing to give you more than double blessings to compensate for what you have gone through.

To be able to give you that kind of blessing He has to be watching over you and protecting you even if you do not see Him while He is working.

What He asks you to do is to lean on Him and trust in Him. To help you He has given you His Spirit so that you can help others. What you will be able to do is so beautiful we cannot describe it properly? So the prophet describes it for us and says our job is to continue working for Jesus and;

***“To comfort all who mourn
To give them beauty for ashes
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness
That they may be called trees of righteousness
The planting of the Lord that He may be glorified”.***

