

4-26-2026 Sunday Sermon Message
Meditation of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: Isaiah 61:1-11

Title: **God Proclaims the Gospel of Grace and the Day of Vengeance**

The prophet Isaiah prophesied of the gospel of grace that the Lord Jesus Christ would proclaim to the whole world:

" The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

² To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Isaiah 61:1-2a).

Finally, Jesus appeared in the land of Judea in Israel and testified that he was the one prophesied by the prophet Isaiah:

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

¹⁷ And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

²⁰ And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹ And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."(luke 4:16-21)

He did not read the part where the prophet Isaiah prophesied the day of vengeance, but closed the book. The prophet Isaiah prophesied one after another about God proclaiming the day of vengeance:

"and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
³ To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified."(Isaiah 61:2-3)

God knew in advance that all the kingdoms of the whole world would hate and persecute them because the Israelites themselves waited for their kingdom to be established in Zion, and that He would one day judge and avenge all the nations that persecute Israel.

When Jesus spoke to his disciples on the Mount of Olives about the last days, He told them in advance:

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."(Matthew 24:9)

Because of God's prophesying through the prophet Isaiah that the Jews will become a priestly nation established among the nations of the whole world in the kingdom of Christ that will be established on this earth, they are still holding fast to their Zionism hope through the Messiah:

"⁴ And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

⁵ And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

⁶ But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

⁷ For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

⁸ 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 61:4-8)

History proves that the whole world hated, persecuted, and killed them. Including the Holocaust, which killed 6 million Jews through Hitler a long time ago, and recently, Iran and other countries in the Middle East have united to threaten to erase Israel from the map. The whole world is seeing and hearing that God's vengeful hand is already appearing in Iran.

The prophet Isaiah prophesied a message of vengeance from God to the people who persecute Israel:

"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

² For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

³ Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

⁴ And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled

together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

⁵ For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

⁶ The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

⁷ And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

⁸ For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.”(Isaiah 34:1-8)

In addition, the apostle Paul testified about the day of God's retribution against the persecuted Church of God:

" Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

⁹ Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

¹⁰ When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.” (2Thes. 1:6-10)

Amen! Hallelujah!