

**Righteousness &
Salvation: The Order
Bringer is Capable**

Isaiah 51:1-11
Romans 4:1-5
1 Peter 1:17-25



*Listen to me, you who pursue
righteousness,*

Who seek the LORD:

*Look to the rock from which you were
hewn*

*And to the quarry from which you were
dug.*

Look to Abraham your father

*And to Sarah who gave birth to you in
pain;*

*When he was but one I called him,
Then I blessed him and multiplied him.*

*Indeed, the LORD will comfort
Zion;*

*He will comfort all her waste
places.*

*And her wilderness He will
make like Eden,*

*And her desert like the garden
of the Lord;*

*Joy and gladness will be found
in her,*

*Thanksgiving and sound of a
melody.*

-YaHWeH in Isaiah 51:1-3

Look to Abraham's Example

- ❖ YaHWeH called and Abraham answered.
- ❖ Because he obeyed, YaHWeH blessed Abraham.
- ❖ Zion has not been forgotten.
- ❖ Zion will be blessed in a similar way that YaHWeH blessed Abraham.

Zion in the OT

- ❖ Mountain of the LORD (2 Ki. 19:31, Ps. 2:6)
- ❖ Jerusalem (2 Sam. 5:7, 1 Ki. 8:1)
- ❖ Daughter of Zion (ref. to Jerusalem in Ps. 9:14)
- ❖ Heaven (Ps. 9:11)



What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “**ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.**” Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

Romans 4:1-5

Belief = Righteousness

- ❖ Belief is ALWAYS followed by action.
- ❖ Abraham believed YaHWeH was able to deliver the on the promises YaHWeH made him.
Abraham's belief caused him to obey YaHWeH.
- ❖ YaHWeH blessed Abraham because he did as he was told.

What About Us?

- ❖ Belief is still followed by action.
- ❖ If we believe God can and will grant us eternal life, we will obey Him.
- ❖ Obedience is not the same as "working our way to Heaven."
- ❖ Obedience is a reaction based on our faith and trust in God's power and grace.



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*Pay attention to Me, O My people,
And give ear to Me, O My nation;
For a law will go forth from Me,
And I will set My justice for a light of the peoples.
My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth,
And My arms will judge the peoples;
The coastlands will wait for Me,
And for My arm they will wait expectantly.*

-YahWeH in Isaiah 51:4-5

Listen Up! Listen Up!

- ❖ Israel and Judah both ignored YaHWeH.
- ❖ YaHWeH had given a law that needed to be followed.
- ❖ His law was founded upon justice.
- ❖ Righteousness and salvation would come from YaHWeH.



What About Us?

- ❖ We need to pay attention to what God says and does.
FOCUS!
- ❖ God has given us commands to follow.
- ❖ Righteousness and salvation are only available through God's plan.



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*Lift up your eyes to the sky,
Then look to the earth beneath;
For the sky will vanish like smoke,
And the earth will wear out like a
garment
And its inhabitants will die in like
manner;
But My salvation will be forever,
And My righteousness will not wane.
Listen to Me, you who know
righteousness,*

*A people in whose heart is My
law;
Do not fear the reproach of man,
Nor be dismayed at their revilings.
For the moth will eat them like a
garment,
And the grub will eat them like
wool.
But My righteousness will be
forever,
And My salvation to all
generations.*

-YaHWeH in Isaiah 51:6-8

Some Things Endure, Some Don't

- ❖ The earth and everything in it will end.
- ❖ YaHWeH's Word will last forever.
- ❖ YaHWeH's salvation will last forever.
- ❖ His people do not need to fear other men but simply remain faithful to God.



If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1 Peter 1:17-21

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. For,

“ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS,
AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS.
THE GRASS WITHERS,
AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,
BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES
FOREVER.”

And this is the word which was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:22-25

Peter Says..Peter Says...

- ❖ The Father judges based on deeds.
- ❖ Redemption came through the blood of Jesus.
- ❖ Purification should lead to genuine love--for God and one another.
- ❖ Christians have been born of imperishable seed. Our souls will live forever with God.
- ❖ God's Word will last forever.



What About Us?

- ❖ Our deeds reveal our heart.
- ❖ We should be so grateful for the cleansing we have received that we seek to do good deeds in God's Name.
- ❖ Our good deeds do not redeem us. Only Jesus can do that.
- ❖ There is no other word coming from God. The Bible is the complete revelation.



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*Awake, awake, put on strength,
O arm of the LORD;*

*Awake as in the days of old, the
generations of long ago.*

*Was it not You who cut Rahab
in pieces,*

Who pierced the dragon?

*Was it not You who dried up the
sea,*

The waters of the great deep;

*Who made the depths of the sea
a pathway*

For the redeemed to cross over?

*So the ransomed of the LORD
will return*

*And come with joyful shouting to
Zion,*

*And everlasting joy will be on
their heads.*

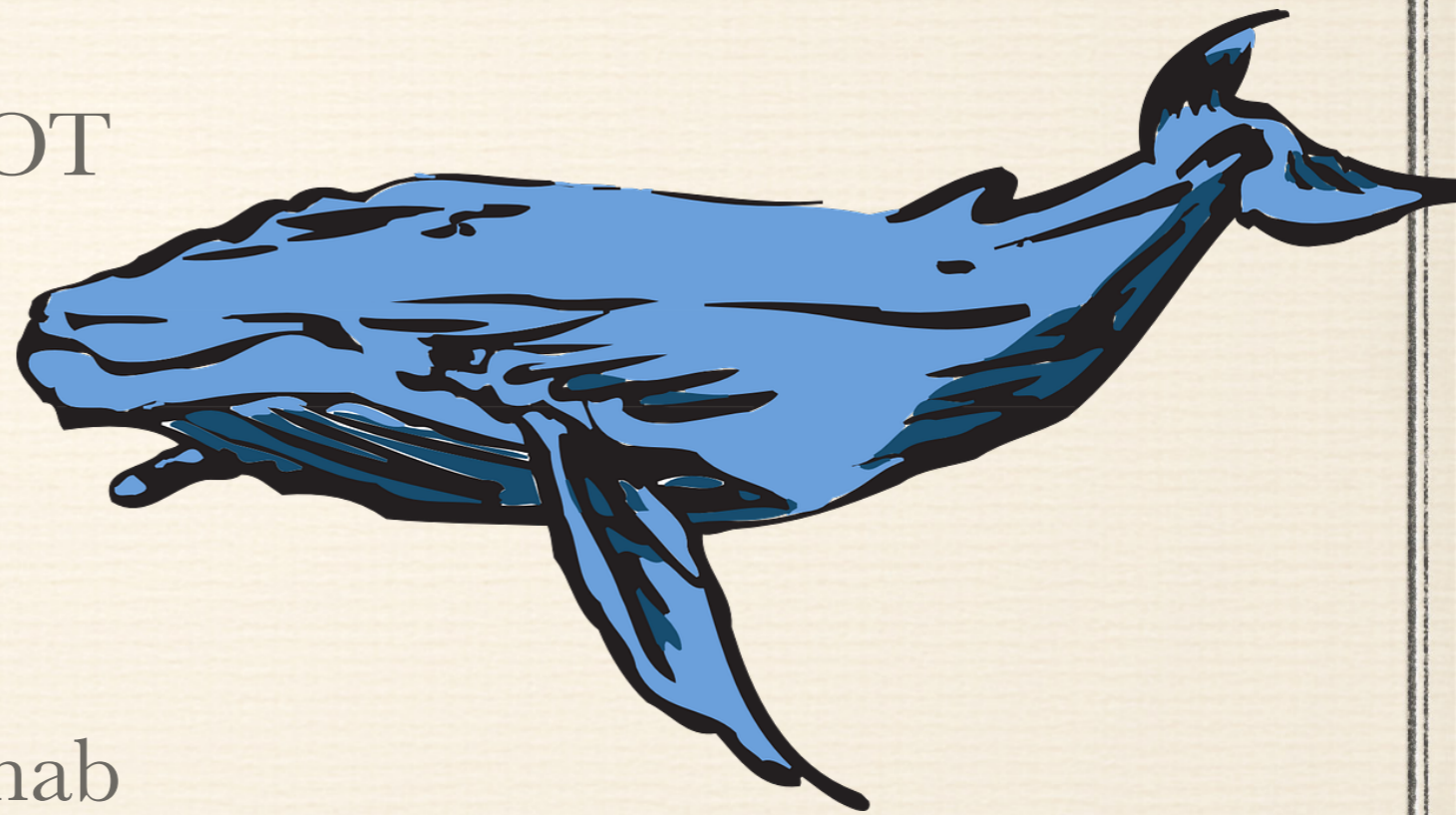
*They will obtain gladness and
joy,*

*And sorrow and sighing will flee
away.*

-Isaiah 51:9-11

Baker Compact Bible Dictionary on Rahab

- ❖ A mythological monster especially associated with the ocean that represented the natural forces of chaos in the world.
- ❖ Many scholars believe that Rahab is identical to the Canaanite Leviathan. In the OT YaHWeH fights Rahab in the process of ending chaos and creating the world.
- ❖ Later, Egypt is sometimes equated with the monster Rahab (Ps. 87:4; Isa. 30:7), although there is no historic relationship between the two.



Order Out of Chaos

- ❖ The Northern Kingdom was destroyed in 721 BC and Jerusalem would be destroyed in 586 BC.
- ❖ Isaiah urges the people to turn back to YaHWeH.
- ❖ He reminds them of YaHWeH's ability to bring order out of chaos.
- ❖ God's people would return to Zion. He would not forget them or the covenant.



What About Us?

- ❖ Sometimes it is necessary for God to discipline His people.
- ❖ No matter what is happening (or what injustice is being suffered) God is still in control.
- ❖ God has ransomed His people. No matter what happens to us in this life, we have a home with Him waiting.
- ❖ This home is a result of Jesus' death and resurrection.



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