

Flowing up the Mountain of The Lord

Isaiah 2.1-5

Main Idea

In the “last days” Christ will establish the “Mountain of God” (think Kingdom of Heaven) as the Highest (best...supreme) so that all the nations might flow up to learn from the Lord and walk in His light until He brings everlasting peace.

Overview

The Supremacy of Christ & His Kingdom are established as the Highest (Vs. 2)

- “Latter days” = Final/last days or age
 - It is “final/last” because the next “days/age” would be the consummation
- The Mountain of the House of the Lord
 - “House of the Lord” = Temple = Where God’s presence resided within Israel
- THE Mountain of THE House of the Lord:
 - Significant events occur in the Bible on Mountains:
 - Mountains seem to indicate the place where God and Man dwell together
 - Garden of Eden: Ezekiel 28.16-16
 - Mount Sinai: Law
 - The Temple Mount: 2 Chronicles 3.1
 - Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount
 - Jesus’ Transfiguration
 - Appoints & Commissions Disciples on Mountain
- Heaven is Holy Mountain coming down for God to dwell with man (Revelation 21.3, 10)
- Where God had established His Supremacy amongst ethnic Israel, in these “latter days”
- He would raise up the Mountain (Kingdom of God with man) to be raised up as the highest:
 - All the nations would now have access to God
 - Previously the “mountain” was hidden from the nations (Romans 16.25-27)
- And it would be “established”:
 - Indicates an event
 - Indicates that it was fixed
 - The Cross of Christ and the Resurrection seem to “establish” this mountain as we see in Matthew 28.16-20 (Christ has all authority...)

Make Disciples that Delight in the Supremacy of Christ (Vs. 3)

- All the nations flowing UP the mountain indicates the supernatural nature of the nations
 - Coming to the Lord (the Spirit awakens)
- They go up to the Mountain in order to be taught from the Lord Himself in order that they would then live as they were taught...in the Light of the Lord:
 - The Spirit of God takes what is Jesus’ (the Lord) and it teaches them to us as we learn the Word of God (John 14.26)
 - Jesus commands us to make disciples of all nations in light of His authority over all (cf. Matthew 28.18-20)
- Why does the Lord want us to learn from Him and walk in His ways?
 - So that we would love Him with all of ourselves and love our neighbors as He loved us (Matthew 22.34-40)
 - Recall from Chapter One that God was not interested in empty religion
- The teaching of the Lord would go out of Zion/Jerusalem: Acts 1.8

Hope in Heaven: The Place of Everlasting Peace (Vs. 4)

- The God of Jacob would establish peace by deciding disputes between nations, and turning

- Vessels of war that took like into vessels of peace that gave life
- In doing all of this we walk in the light of the Lord
- We see the nature of God in His activity...He desires to bring an end to hostility
 - The Cross of Christ accomplishes this

Questions

Discussion Starter: Why is it so often believed that the teaching of the Lord is more restrictive or “dark” like instead of freeing and “light” like?

1. Review Isaiah 1. Read Isaiah 2.1-5: What does Isaiah mean by “latter days”? Use Acts 2:14-21; Hebrews 1:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; and 2 Peter 3:1-3 to explain.
2. What does Isaiah foresee in the "latter days"? What is meant by “the Mountain of the House of the Lord?”
3. What does it mean for the Lord to lift up this mountain as the highest? What does this then mean about other ‘mountains’ or worldviews/religions? What implication does this have for our lives?
4. Read Romans 16.25-27. Describe how this prophecy in Isaiah has come true in the coming of Christ? What does it mean for the non-Jews?
5. List some ways you can rejoice about this prophecy becoming realized in your life.
6. Pray for the nations to stream to the one true God. Use Joshua Project or Operation World to spend time praying for the nations.
7. What are people going to say (and do)? Why does the Lord want us to make disciples?
8. Describe how this informs our evangelism.
9. What do we learn about what is to come from verse 4?
10. How do you see the Gospel at work in vs. 4? How is this ‘walking in the light of the Lord?’
11. Share some ways you have seen this peace in the lives of others around you.

Accountability: *Discuss your prayer life and how you are praying for the nations to stream. Also check in on evangelistic activity. Pray for God to bring conversions through the ministry of Restoration Church.*