

Apply The Word

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Message Info

Title:

Solution Through the
Servant

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Scriptures:

Isaiah 49:1-50:3

Theme: The Lord solves our biggest problem, therefore trust him to solve every problem.

Introduction: A common dilemma for us in this world is the continual desire for 'more stuff'. We can think that happiness lies just on the other side of acquiring what we're after. And when we do get something, we find that the happiness that it brings is often only very temporary and never fully satisfying. In that way, we are solving lesser problems (getting the stuff we want) without addressing our larger problem.

Where can we find a solution to our larger problem?

1. The solution is a Servant (49:1-13)

Israel had a lot of problems. The northern kingdom was already in exile. The south was in the midst of a great rebellion against the Lord.

Yet the Lord had already prophesied a miraculous deliverance. He would send his people into exile, and then he would lead them out again.

Yet the larger problem remained: what would keep Israel from falling back into apostasy after they were restored from their exile? The larger problem was of the people's relationship to the Lord.

The Lord solves the larger problem by sending a Servant. The anointed Servant would be sent to save his people and to transform them so that they would be faithful to God.

2. The solution comes by grace (49:14-50:3)

The Lord's solution is not conditioned on the goodness and faithfulness of his people. It is in spite of their sin.

Israel wonders (v. 14) if the Lord has forsaken or forgotten them. They are worried that they have been left to themselves.

The Lord reassures them with the truth of who he is and the faithfulness of his love and salvation. He will not forget them—he will save.

Questions:

1. What do you think is your biggest problem?
2. Are there any troubles in your life that you are not taking to the Lord?
3. How is the Lord working for you to grow in faith through your problems?