

Isaiah
Chapter 4

v. 1-- The leaders of the various denominations will try to win the Christians again, saying, (although not in so many words) "you don't have to really believe, just belong to our church so others will follow".

v. 2-- The "branch" referred to here is His chosen people. His Spirit-filled Christians who, as Paul says, were grafted in place of the Jews. We will live guided by God's Love and peace. (See Romans 11:17)

v. 3-- And those of His people who remain true to Him alone through conflicts will be called Holy.

v. 4-- He will cleanse the churches of the influence of Satan and will make us one church with each person following the Lord, not men, and we will be one in Spirit.

v. 5-- The cloud of smoke and fire is with us now to guide us. It is the Holy Spirit that dwells within us, and is our guide, defender, counselor, lover,--everything we need.

v. 6-- The tabernacle is Jesus. We rest in Him and He shelters us from the storms of Satan, and gives strength and love to get through them as we lean on Him. See Ezek. 36:25-30 and 8-11; also Jeremiah 32:38-41 and 31:31-35 and (New Covenant) Ezek 37:26-28.

Chapter 5

v. 1-3-- God made mankind, then sent His beloved son to save us. Jesus conquered Satan for us. In fact, He lived each of our lives for us. In the Garden, He sweated blood, and was in agony because He, God Almighty, became you and me. He lived my life--not as He would live it, or as it should be lived, but as I live it, and He saw my problems just as I see them--in my weakness and sinfulness. Then He went to the cross and to Hell for my sins and to Satan, and He conquered all my problems. So we have conquered all through Him. Now we must ask Him to live our lives again. This time He lives it with us and helps us through all that He's already lived for us once and conquered. Satan tries to disallusion us into thinking we still have troubles, but we must stand on the victory.

v. 4-- What more, God asks, could He do for us? But still people aren't grateful to Him and still think they're responsible for their successes, and are believing Satan's lies about their troubles. If we stand on Christ's victory, Satan will have to give up.