

Isaiah
Chapter 43

v. 9-- The word for "former" means "first, or foremost in importance", and the word for "justified" means to be declared innocent. Thus, He is calling all people together to listen to the things of God, the only important things we will hear, and when people hear, really hear, and understand, they will be justified, or declared innocent through Christ, and know that it is truth, or that His Word is firm, sure, and stable.

v. 10-13-- His people are His witnesses. Through the Holy Spirit, we, as a collective body, are to know and totally understand God, and His tremendous love.

v. 14-- He has sent Jesus to Babylon, or hell, and put down all of Satan's power.

v. 15-17-- God has made a total victory at Calvary. People can't seem to believe that, they believe in their salvation after this life, but not in their salvation during it. v. 17--the word for "army" means "might, or power"--He brought forth the destruction and extinction of all the power, tools, and might of Satan. His hold on the earth is extinct!

v. 18-- We are believing Satan's lies and remembering when he did control the earth, before Jesus' victory--that is all over with!

v. 19-20-- He will give the rivers of life--the living water, which will make the dragons and owls, representative of Satan's forces, honour God. He enforces the power through us. They must obey us, too, because we are His representatives.

v. 21-- He has made us a delight to Him, He dwells in the praises of His people. (Ps. 22:3) We are His masterpieces, His pride and Joy!

v. 22-- Yet, many times His people, His delight, ignore Him, they go about their business, and don't talk to Him as a friend, it is so heartbreaking to Him!! God has a tremendous aching in His heart to do things for us, to serve us, to show His love for us, and so many times we don't accept the things, because it's hard for us to believe that God Almighty wants to be a servant to His people!! But that is exactly what He wants. He wants to help us. In 2 Chronicles 16:9, it says, "The Lord's eyes run to and from throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him". But He wants our friendship and love all the time, not just in times of trouble. So many times we go to Him in trouble, but forget that He is with us constantly and wants us to live every detail of our lives with Him. (See Jeremiah 2:27-29 & Deut. 8:13 & 14)