

Thy Light Is Come Isaiah 60 Verses 1-12

Isa 60:1 ¶ Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. 4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

We look back in scriptural history and see this scripture manifested in Israel. Israel lay in the darkness of Egypt under the burdens of slavery, without the light and revelation of God being in their midst. As they began to groan under their burdensome life, God revealed himself to them through Moses, and the message God gave him to them, thus we understand "**for thy light is come.**" God revealed himself to them, placed his name upon them, and this made them shine forth the reflection of the light of God's grace upon the earth. Wherefore, "**the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.**"

We see the prophetic picture of the coming of the age of grace. "**the Gentiles shall come to thy light,**" God called Israel out of Egypt, the place of darkness; and Jesus established the church, and ended the darkness of the sacrificial law service. The light, of salvation by grace has shined, revealing; Jesus is the sacrifice required for the remission of sins. Christ has called, and is still calling, the church forth from Egypt, a type of the world. Jesus has revealed himself to the church, thus we understand "**for thy light is come.**" Jesus has placed his name upon the church of salvation by grace, which has made the church shine forth in the darkness of this world of sin. Christians emit the reflection of the light of Christ Jesus, therefore, we understand "**the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.**"

We see the prophetic picture of the command of Jesus to every child of God when they are born again by the Holy Spirit power. Jesus has commanded you to "**Arise, shine; for thy light is come.**" Now I ask you a question: Did God command to Israel to remain in the same place and way they were? The answer is no. Wherefore, when you are born-again, Jesus Christ commands you to arise and bear your cross. You are commanded; come out of the darkness of eternal death, for I have chosen to place my name upon thee. Repent of your sins, join the church of Jesus Christ, be baptized, and shine forth the reflection of the light of my grace.

5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD. 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

"Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." Jesus tells Israel of the coming of the church of salvation by grace, and its revelation on the earth. Jesus tells Israel; salvation is not only extended to the nation Israel, but rather, it is opened to the Gentiles. What a magnificent work our Saviour did when he served his time of incarnation and opened the door of salvation by grace to all of God's people.

6 "The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD." We see the prophetic picture of the coming of Christ. Did not God cause the wise men to come and bring gifts to the baby Jesus? Surely, he did. Not only did God cause that to happen, but he also caused them to give praise and glory to God and Christ.

8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

"as the doves to their windows" This reminds us of the time of the flood on the earth. Remember, Noah sent forth a raven and a dove after the rain of destruction ceased. The raven never returned to the safety of the ark, but the dove did. The first time the dove was sent forth it found no place of rest and returned to the ark. The second time the dove was sent forth it found a resting place, and brought back to Noah, what we see in: **Ge 8:11 "And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth."** The dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit presence on earth, not only brought back the olive leaf, but brought the message that there is life on earth again. Isn't this the same message the building of the church by Jesus did? The Holy Spirit brings us the message; there is a place of rest and salvation on earth, and in eternity, made possible by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

9 ¶ Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

Do you see the prophetic picture; the individual organized churches, of God's saved and redeemed people, waiting for the return of Christ? This is the reason churches organize, and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. They are gathering to the name of the Lord, and bringing the gift of salvation by grace into the house of the Lord. They enter the church, to manifest the gifts of ministry that Jesus has bestowed upon them, that it may bring glory to the name of the Lord, and to the Lord Jesus Christ.

10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. 11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. 12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

The Gentile nations shall build the church, proclaiming the gospel message of salvation by grace, through the name of Jesus Christ only. We understand that the church established has an open door, which is Jesus, and it is not shut here on earth at any time, as long as there is time.

We have the prophetic picture of the end of time in: **"For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted."** Which is prophesied of throughout the New Testament scriptures. Remember, this world, since the fall of man in sin in the garden, is a land of darkness. It is made dark by the blackness of sin. This is manifested in scripture in: **Mt 6:22-24; 22 "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the**

light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." How did the world become a place of darkness? What caused man to be driven from the Garden of God's grace in the beginning? Sin, which was introduced by the serpent, the devil, is the light that is darkness and deception, and the place of deception is this world. Adam and Eve, being driven from the garden of Eden for disobedience to God, were no longer in the place of fellowship with God. They were driven forth to walk in the darkness of the light of the devil. All mankind, except for Jesus, came forth from fallen man; not enlightened man who was in fellowship with God. Doesn't this make clear; you cannot serve both God and satan?

Having a single eye, is to be fixed upon Christ Jesus. If you have been born-again, you are full of light which is not deceptive. Figuratively, you have been restored to the Garden of Eden, the church, where we have fellowship with God once again.

Remember, you are born into the darkness of sin, and have the need to be chosen by God for your redemption from the debt of sin. You have the need for the light of Christ to be instilled in you. You have the responsibility to manifest the light of Christ when you are born-again. You do this by your life, by your profession of faith, and belief, in the finished work Christ Jesus. Praise the Lord that the light of our salvation, in time and eternity, has been made manifest. This shines light on the scripture: **Joh 1:5 ¶ "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."** When you are born again; the darkness, of the deceptive light of the devil, is overcome by the light of Christ. Hallelujah!

Wherefore, I declare unto you: "**Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.**" Praise, and glory, to the name of the Lord, for the revelation of Jesus Christ to the chosen people of God! Hallelujah! May God bless and keep us all in Christ Jesus, Amen!