

"Fear Not"
Isaiah 41:10
New Years Message December 27, 2015

Isaiah 41 – "The Greatness Of God's Purpose"

Breakdown of Isaiah 41:

Isaiah 41:1-2 – God would use King Cyrus (Persia) from the East.

Isaiah 41:3-7 – God says, out of fear, people will turn to idols that cannot save them.

Isaiah 41:8-20 – Israel did not have to fear.

Isaiah 41:21-29 – God says that it is futile to trust in the idols.

1. God's Decree:

2. God's Presence:

3. God's Power:

4. God's Care:

1. God's Decree:

Isaiah 41:10

God Gives 2 "Do Not's" – 1) "Do not fear," 2) "Do not anxiously look about you,"

"Do not" – is a Decree – "a formal and authoritative order, a command";
"Do not fear, Do not anxiously look about you,"

Fear and dismay are the two robbers of 2016. They want to cause us to not trust God, and lose confidence in Him.

"Do not fear," – "be afraid"; The Greek word "Anxiety" – "to be drawn into different directions, to be pulled apart, to strangle."

Death – Phil. 1:21: "To die is gain."

Failure – Phil. 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Fear of losing Security – Phil. 4:19: "My God shall supply all your need."

Future – Matt. 28:20: "Lo, I am with you always."

"Dismay" – robs us of confidence in Jesus Christ. "Do not anxiously look about you," – (dismay) literally "to look away, gaze about"; See no hope in God!

To have a New Year without fear can only be accomplished by increasing Faith in God.

Ephesians 3:20

Key verse that gives to us the secret to a growing faith – Romans 10:17.

The Apostle Paul Had A God-Centered Up-Look.

Paul Didn't Look About: look about you, Our eyes are not to be on our Circumstances – This will breed discouragement. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Word – We need to hold on to the Scriptures in time of affliction.

Prayer – That we need the unity and the peace that prayer can bring.

Holy Spirit – We need His power.

Paul Didn't Look Behind: Our eyes should not be on the Past –
Philippians 3:13.

Paul Didn't Look Within: Our eyes should not fall into introspection either –
Romans 7:18.

Paul Looked Up: Look up because God Reigns; Colossians 3:1-2.

Romans 13:11

Warren Wiersbe said, "We must look up and thus be ready to go up!"

2. God's Presence:

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For The 2 "Do Not's" There Are The 2 "I AM's" – 1) I am with you; 2) I am your God.

"I am with you;" – The promise of God's presence is a life without fear.

"I am your God." – God's power means a life without dismay.

Mark 4: 35-41

In the storms of 2016, if Jesus is in our boat (Life), it is impossible for it to sink. "I am your God."

3. God's Power:

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"for I am your God." – This promise is to the weakest of all the saints.

God – Is the primary name of Deity. "Elohim" – compound word, "The Strong One," but also "to bind oneself by an oath, implies faithfulness."

God – "The Strong One who will carry out every promise on our behalf"; He is mighty and faithful who promised. God is all powerful.

4. God's Care:

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Note "The 3 "I Will's" (Triplet Of Certainty):

- 1. "I will strengthen you,"** – (God of Strength) The secret of strength is in the consciousness of weakness.

Our greatest victories will be won as the power of Jesus Christ covers our weaknesses. "When my weakness leans on His might, all is right."

Genesis 14:22-23

2 Corinthians 12:9

It is when you and I are blind to our weakness that we try in our own strength to make things happen.

- 2. "I will help you,"** – (God of Comfort)

Psalms 46:1-2

"present help" – literally means that "He stands ready to undertake for us in the tight places." The Hebrew implies that "God runs out speedily to meet and help His troubled children."

Psalm 70:5

Hebrews 13:6

Mark 1:40-42

3. **"I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."** – (God of Support) "I will uphold" – "to sustain, to help, follow close, take, uphold, stay up."

"My righteous" – This is the standard of that which is "right, true, holy and pure."

God Can Only Uphold That Which Is Righteous: "right, true, holy and pure."

God Can Only Judge Righteously: "right, true, holy and pure."

"right hand" – The right hand in Scripture represents "the place of power, the position of highest honor"

Isaiah 41:13

Application:

Be Committed To Grow In 2016 –

If Calvary Chapel Rialto Is Your Home – Be Committed To Unity!

Don't permit and don't be part of gossip, or speaking against each other.

If This Is Our Home, Lets Support Prayerfully, Financially, and in Service.

"How To Prepare So We Can Receive From The Word":

Concentration – Give full attention to God; listen for God's Message to you.

Application – It's not how I feel but how I act that really matters. Let God's Word be the final authority.

Pray For The Staff – Pastors and Wives, Office, Leadership, Services, Ministries, The School, Preparation time for study, Delivery of the Word.