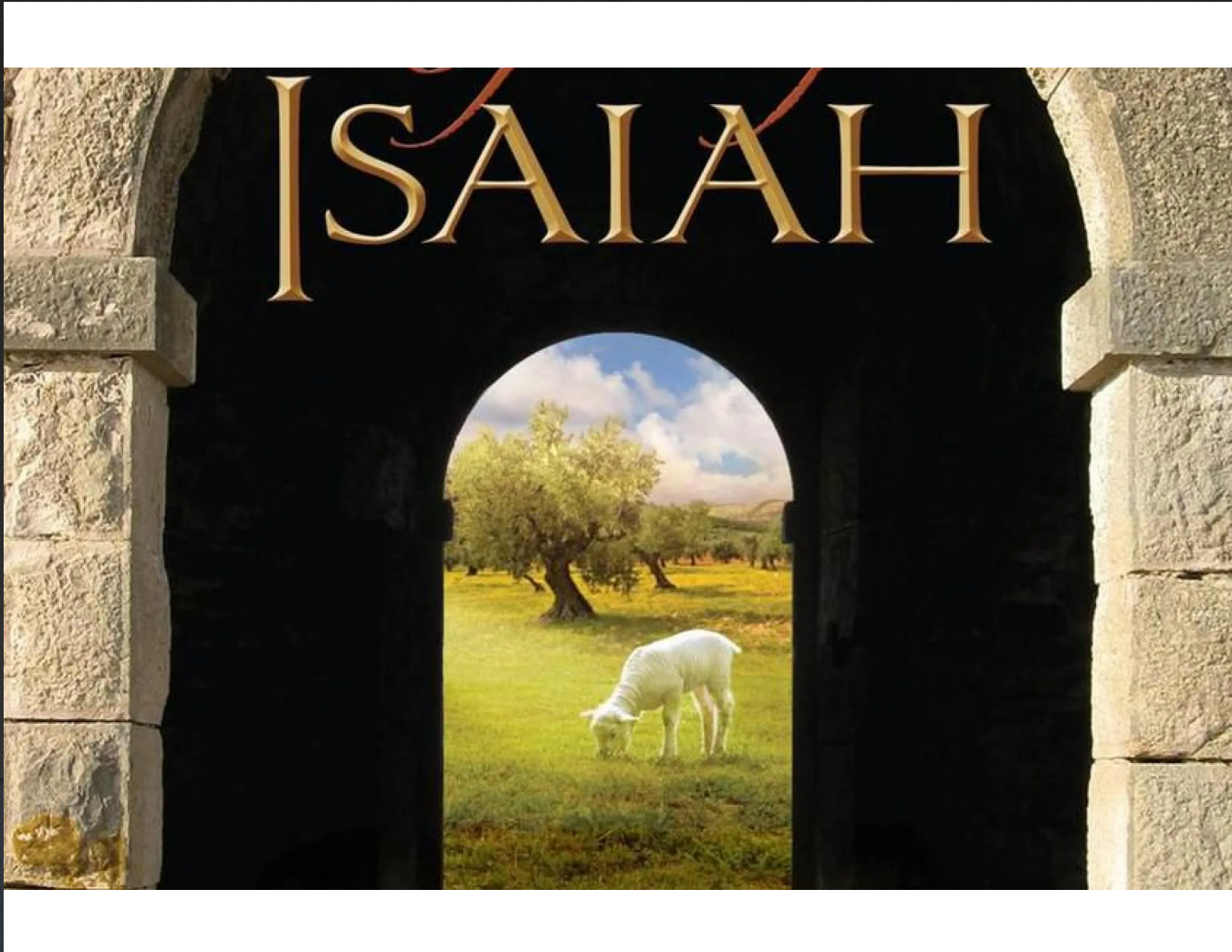


September 19–25
Isaiah 40–49
“Comfort Ye My People”



Blessings For Keeping Covenants

Isa 40:11-18

Isa 49:9-10

What blessings are promised to those who obey their covenants and follow Christ?

Delbert L. Stapley

“Jesus knew His hearers were acquainted with the prophecy that a shepherd had been promised the children of Israel. David, the shepherd boy who became king, wrote the beautiful Twenty-third Psalm that begins: ‘The Lord is my shepherd’ (Ps 23:1). Isaiah prophesied that when God would come down, ‘He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm.’ There was no mistaking what Jesus meant. He was their Lord—the promised Messiah! He will gently lead his sheep.” (CR, April 1977)

Blessings For Keeping Covenants

Isa 40:13-14

What blessings are promised to those who obey their covenants and follow Christ?

Blessings For Keeping Covenants

Isa 40:28-31

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Jeffrey R. Holland

"A rewarding, abundant, and eternal life is the very object of His merciful plan for His children! It is a plan predicated on the truth 'that all things work together for good to them that love God' (Romans 8:28). So keep loving. Keep trying. Keep trusting. Keep believing. Keep growing. Heaven is cheering you on today, tomorrow, and forever.

"'Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard?' Isaiah cried. '[God] giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.... They that wait upon [Him] shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles. For... the Lord... God will hold [their] right hand, saying unto [them], Fear not; I will help thee.' (Isaiah 40:28, 29, 31)." (CR, April 2016)

Blessings For Keeping Covenants

Isa 41:17-18

What blessings are promised to those who obey their covenants and follow Christ?

LeGrand Richards

"Isaiah saw that the Lord would cause the wilderness to blossom as the rose. He saw the rivers flow in the desert and flow down from the high places to make this land productive. And why? So that the Saints, when they were gathered here, could fulfill his promises. For if this gospel that Jesus referred to was to be preached in all the world, it had to be done by his children. And hundreds of thousands of Latter-day Saint missionaries... for he so indicated that it must be preached in all the world." (CR, April 1978)

Blessings For Keeping Covenants

Isa 42:16

What blessings are promised to those who obey their covenants and follow Christ?

Robert D. Hales

"There is a way out of the 'mists of darkness' and onto the path that leads to happiness in this life and eternal life in the world to come. The Lord told Isaiah, 'I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them.'" (CR, April 2002)

Blessings For Keeping Covenants

Isa 43:2-5

What blessings are promised to those who obey their covenants and follow Christ?

For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, ...
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
("How Firm a Foundation," Hymns, no. 85)

Blessings For Keeping Covenants

Isa 43:24-26

What blessings are promised to those who obey their covenants and follow Christ?

Boyd K. Packer

"Justice and mercy and repentance and forgiveness work together to erase transgressions.

"The discouraging idea that a mistake (or even a series of them) makes it everlastingly too late, does not come from the Lord. He has said that if we will repent, not only will He forgive us our transgressions, but He will forget them and remember our sins no more." (CR, April 1989)

Blessings For Keeping Covenants

Isa 45:12,18

What blessings are promised to those who obey their covenants and follow Christ?

Neal A. Maxwell

"Thus, it is from the scriptures that we learn of God's plans for mankind on this planet. He told us, through Isaiah, that He formed this earth to be inhabited.

Through Moses, God described His purpose: 'to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man' (Moses 1:39). Furthermore, by viewing the heavens and the galaxies, those who have eyes to see will see 'God moving in his majesty and power' (D&C 88:47).

"We are thus enveloped in a planned universe, and we live on a purposeful planet; and these truths describe 'things as they really are' (Jacob 4:13). No wonder the gospel is such glorious and good news!" (CR, Oct. 1986)

Blessings For Keeping Covenants

Isa 46:3-4

What blessings are promised to those who obey their covenants and follow Christ?

Blessings For Keeping Covenants

Isa 49:14-16

What blessings are promised to those who obey their covenants and follow Christ?

Gene R. Cook

"Jesus taught that we pass through all these trials to refine us 'in the furnace of affliction' and that we should not bear them unaided, but 'in [the] Redeemer's name.' In spite of our feeling, at times, that He has forgotten us, He testifies, 'Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.... Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands.'

"I testify that the Lord, through His grace, can continually assist us in our daily lives and in our physical and mental sickness, pain, transgressions, and even in all of our infirmities." (CR, April 1993)

A Metaphor of Israel

Isa 47:1,8-9

What had Israel done that caused them to no longer be considered part of the Lord's kingdom and to sit on the ground instead of a throne?

What had Israel lost because they had broken the covenant?

A Metaphor of Israel

Isa 47:10-11

What will happen if Israel does not remember
and live their covenants?

A Metaphor of Israel

Isa 48:12-15

What will happen if Israel does not seek wisdom and knowledge from the correct source?

A Metaphor of Israel

Isa 48:14-18

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John Taylor

"There is nothing that makes things go so well among the saints of God as living their religion and keeping the commandments of God, and when they don't do that, then things go awkward and cross and every other way but the right way; but when they live their religion and keep the commandments, 'their peace flows as a river, and their righteousness as the waves of the sea.'" (JD 26:66)

Next Week:

September 26–October 2

Isaiah 50–57

“He Hath Borne Our Grievs, and Carried
Our Sorrows”

