

"SURVEYING GLORYLAND"

Isaiah 65

INTRODUCTION:

The good man will one day be triumphant. The final home and condition of the righteous is examined in the Prophets (final messages). He gives a view and helps you with a vision.

He is telling things that (seem improbably) ever to happen -- the natural eye can not visualize the day approaching.

The final judgment of God upon their failure and the glorious age of a new creation! The new Heaven and new earth. *atheists - D.J. Moody - come on jim don't tell me you believe what M-said! NO, but He Her Sure Belives it!*  
Took a bold preacher to speak about the sins of the Jews and then tell of a land where the wolf and lamb, lion and oxen would eat straw together. (Impossible) you say -- The Devil leads people today to believe Heaven is not real.

Don't let anyone fool you. God is going to reward those who take time to live righteous lives. Temporal trials will pass and eternal comfort in a new Heaven is prepared for men who love his appearing.

OUTLINE:

- I. Spread Hands - V. 1-5.
- II. Silence Broken - V. 6-13.
- III. Shadow of New Jerusalem. - V. 14-25.

I. Spread Hands - V. 1-5.

V. (1) - Rom. 10:20 Paul - "Isaiah was very bold to preach salvation to the Gentiles."

Early chapters of Acts, God is still lingering over Israel.

Here is a nation seeking after God - long without God.

Gal. 4:9. *Known God but turn to weak & beggarly elements -*

Prov. 8:17. *Those that seek me early shall find me.*

Acts 17:27.

Revelation given to those that worshipped him.

V. (2) - Spread out my hands - Cross - went up to Heaven unto a disobedient - rebellious.

All day long - for years. They had lived in the wrong way - way of sinners. Matt. 7:13.

Prov. 1:24. *Callhol ye refused & stretched out my hand & no man regarded,*

Jer. 7:13. *I spake unto you & you heard not, & callhol ye answered not,*

Early and late.

Rebellion, cause of God turning to Gentiles. Rom. 10:21, 11:12, 15.

Reverse of good - Ezek. 36:31.

Those who reject Christ today.

By his prophets stretched forth his hands ready to embrace, receive the sinner.

How did they treat this invitation? Rebellious, gainsaying. Zech. 12:12. Acts,

13:46. *We preached the word to Jews / but you pushed it aside & we turned to Gentiles.*

V. (3) - Provoked God to Anger.

Sacrificed in (gardens) - reason to believe this was very shameful. Nature goddess - sensualism.

Incense upon altars of brick - some believe this was a brick or tile on the roof top of the house and here they worshipped the sun, moon, and stars.

God invited all day.

They offended all day. Deut. 32:21. *vanities provoke me,*

Isa. 3:9, Ex. 20:3. *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

V. (4) - They dwell among the tombs.

Dark places - graves - converse with the dead 8:19, 20.

Pass the night in these shrines.

Great hypocrisy - communications in dreams.

Eat abominable things - swine - sacrificial animals to idols.

Broth - made of swine's flesh - unclean.

Lev. 11:5-6) 42, 43.

Acts 15:29. *Abstain from meats offered to idols,*

It is unthinkable - charge.

Not worship in Temple but gardens.

Things made with their own hands.

Not come to him for life - tombs.

Eat swine's flesh - no true Jew would have thought of touching swine's flesh.

Lev. 11. Specifies what His people may eat.

Matt. 15:11 - Real source of defilement is within.

People show what they are by what they feed upon spiritually.

Germans have a saying "Man ist was er isst", Man is what he eats.

What you feed upon becomes a part of one's body - feeding on swine's flesh gives a spiritual symbol.

He has selected food according to his nature - suits him.

Lev. 11:7. The swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven hoofed, yet he cheweth not the cud". These marks - dividing the hoof and chewing the cud were needed for the animal to be fit for the people of God.

Divided hoof speaks of division - separation every step the animal took told of separation. Some were clean. Some unclean. Ox or swine.

Chewing the cud - ox - eats grass in pasture - shade tree - lying down it ruminates - stored in the rumen, 1st stomach. Regurgitated - chewed between teeth, finally swallowed and digested.

Christian - feast upon word as years come he recalls - by faith becomes a part of his understanding.

V. 5 - Not a Pharisee.

Heathen Jew claimed to be holier than true servant of God. Matt. 9:11, Luke 5:30.

II. Silence Broken - V. 6-13.

V. 6 - Horrible <sup>iniquities</sup> ~~iniquities~~ - God not keep still. Job. 13:26.

Evil written in God's book. Keep silent - inaction.

Received into the fold of your cloak.

V. 7 - Sin accumulating from age to age. I will measure their former work into their bosom. (First of all I will measure.)

V. (8) - Ray of Light - Hope - Remnant.

New wine is found in a bunch of grapes. Vine pruners say spare it - do not destroy the stock of this vineyard.

Rom. 9:24-26.

Though the Gentiles come and seek after God there is a remnant of Jews that will in due time accept his promises.

A blessing is in it.

Matt. 24:22 "And except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elects sake those days shall be shortened".

Figure - a bunch of grapes - not appealing, looks bad - ready to throw it away, destroy. There is one that intervenes - one good man is a blessing in the place he lives. Remnant.

V. (9) - Seed of Jacob - Holy seed destined to repossess the Holy Land.

Forfeited by the sin of the former Jews.

Critical time - if the cluster be destroyed then nothing can be saved.

About to be exterminated - as 10 righteous would - Sodom. Long expected Messiah comes.

V. (10) - Sharon - instead of being like a wilderness - a place for flocks - rich pasture - fertile field.

Achor - near Jericho - place of trouble turned to joy. A fold.

V. (11) - Sword

Forget Holy Place - Temple.

V. (12) - Not Answer God's call. Unfaithful.

Idol worship - Table - For "God of good fortune". Baal.

Person and place are identified.

Those who forget holy Mt. Zion.

Disobedient religious duties. Neglect.

Number - principle of God turning sin into a penalty. Wicked men come under God's sword of judgement. Doom.

V. (13) - Two Ways - Amos 4:6.

Religious and irreligious.

Servants and adversaries.

Exiles - sieze of Jer. under Titus when 1,100,000 are said to have perished by famine.

Dreadful fate awaits idolaters in contrast to blessedness reserved for righteous.

III. Shadow of New Jerusalem - V. 14-25.

V. (14) - Day of Revelation - those contrite in spirit and the proud disobedient.

Each generation tells the same story. Faith brings hope and rejoicing.

V. (15) - Name of unbelievers perish. Left for a curse.

New Name - The elect church. Acts 11:26 Christians.

Prophet here seems to speak for God.

V. (16) - God will call them by his own name and they will use this as a natural name and convey a blessing upon others.

Former troubles forgotten - man is known only by the Living God - new era.

God of truth - opposed false gods.

Promise of Gloryland.

V. (17) - I Create - same verb is used as Gen. 1:1. Prophet thinks (existing) Heavens and earth be destroyed and new ones created in their place.

New Jerusalem (not) renovated. Former earth not be regretted.

Fullness of time new Heaven.

I Cor. 3:22. *Things to come, all are yours.*

Rev. 21:2. Former troubles, things, not think of. Renewal of environment.

Five creative acts.

1. Creation Heavens and earth. (Gen. 1:1)
  2. Creation of the (Body of Jesus) Heb. 10:5. (a body prepared)
  3. Creation of the (new body in the Resurrection) I Cor. 15:38.
- (But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him.)

4. The new birth or new creation. 2 Cor. 5:17.

(If a man be in Christ, He is a new creature - Eph. 2:10. We are his workmanship.)

5. The new Heavens and the new earth. 2 Peter 3:13. (Look for.)

Rev. 21:1 - I saw new heaven and new earth.

V. (18) - I Create Jerusalem - John Rev. Not like old Jer.

A rejoicing.

1 Thess. 5:16. *Rejoice Evermore*

V. (19) - Jer. well-known weeping place - wailing wall. Isa. 35:10.

New joy - church - God rejoices in the church it finds joy in Him.

Rev. 21:4.

No death - sorrow - pain.

V. (20) - Remarkable

Lengthened lives - even youth reach 100 years age.

Premature death excluded.

Test this figuratively or literally. Real Christianity would eliminate war, murder, intemperance and licentiousness. Many diseases are passed on - one generation to another.

Consider, before flood men commonly lived near 1000 years. So he that died at 100 would be looked upon as dying in youth as cut off early.

Sinner though he live to 100 still dies accursed. Therefore, the important matter is not no. days on earth - saint or sinner.

Obedience to God and natural laws add to the term of a man's life. Job. 34:1.  
Psa. 52.

V. (21) - Build - Plant.

Life has been uncertain - not secure.

Plants - eats - enjoys work of hands. No enemy deprive.

V. (22) - Tree - Leaves fall in winter, recovers in Spring. Some trees endure for many hundreds of years - ceders of Lebanon, Oaks - California. Proof of ancient trees.

I K. 21:2-3.

Long life. Aali tree - Ficus Indica

Never die except struck by lightning.

Lower limbs down for support, cover acres.

V. (23) - His people shall live as long as trees they plant. Not consume or wear out.

This offspring shall be with them. Not bring forth children for sudden death.

Lev. 26:16; Jer. 15:8.

Isa 6:13.

Ecc. 3:13; 2:18.

Not Labour in vain. Children born, subject disease, accident, famine, sword, captivity. An end of these troubles shall come.

V. (24) - Prayer - Great teaching and encouragement for you to pray.

"God more ready to answer than you are to pray!"

People living in harmony with the will of God.

Father of Prodigal Son met him as he returned.

God's ear is not heavy that he cannot hear and answer while we pray.

V. (25) - Shadow of the Kingdom.

Final and total overthrow of Antichrist - every adversary.

Peace - church ought to be filled with peace as Heaven.

Lamb - Wolf.

Ox - Lion.

Eat together - Fed as one - one nature - not hurt or destroy.

Tit. 3:3. Paul says we were sometimes foolish, living in malice, hatred, hating one another.

Contrast this - State of Heathen.

Britian before Dominion set up. Ploughman and shepherd went armed.

Authentic record of rebellion, massacres, barbarous conquest without slightest compunction. Bodies and human heads piled up as pyramids for public show by a Monarch.

America - Early history, bloody record.

Hos. 2:18.

Dust be the serpents meat - Gen. 3:14.

Mic. 7:17.

Chained, bound from precious souls. Fruit of his doing - dust. John 8:1-11, 44.

John 4:32 - Fruit of His own blessed doing.

The serpent receives no advantage in the new kingdom. Penalized.

True our bodies return to what it was and where it belongs.

Rom. 8:19. He will clothe sons of God.

I John 3:2 "It doth not yet appear what we shall be".

I Cor. 15:37.

Impossible to see the beauty of a flower by merely looking at the bare seed.

We speak of things as we see or know them in our experience.

God will provide better things - peace will come to his holy mountain and end strife. Symbol in change nature of wild animals.