

The Light of Salvation to the Ends of the Earth

Isaiah 49:6

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“I will make You a light to the nations, so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” -Isaiah 49:6

1. **Isaiah’s prophecy is _____ in God’s initial promise to Abraham. (Genesis 12:1-3)**
 - The bottom line of the promise was reaffirmed to Abraham, and later to Isaac and Jacob. (Genesis 22:18; 26:4; 28:14)
 - Jesus indicated that Abraham grasped the significance of the bottom line of the promise. (John 8:56)
 - Paul described the bottom line of the promise as *the Gospel*. (Galatians 3:8)
2. **Isaiah’s prophecy is _____ in the arrival of Jesus.**
 - Zacharias saw Jesus’ arrival as a sunrise. (Luke 1:76-79)
 - John described Jesus’ arrival as a penetrating, all-powerful light. (John 1:4-5)
 - Matthew saw Jesus’ ministry as bringing light to the Gentiles. (Matthew 4:15-16)
 - Simeon embraced Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy. (Luke 2:25-32)
3. **Isaiah’s prophecy is _____ during the Apostle Paul’s first missionary journey (Acts 13:42-49), and it continues to be applied today.**
 - God uses those whose lives have been transformed to take the light of His salvation to others who have not yet heard.

KNOW: Missions is much more than obedience to the Great Commission; it is the grand theme of Scripture and an expression of the very heart of God.

DO: Make yourself immediately available to join God as His fellow worker in your sphere of influence, and beyond as He leads.

READ: *Eternity in their Hearts*, by Don Richardson

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

1. What do you see as the significance of the *bottom line* of the Abrahamic Covenant being repeated so frequently in Genesis (22:18; 26:4; 28:14), as well as in the New Testament (Acts 3:25; Galatians 3:6-9)?
2. Read I Peter 1:10-12 and discuss how this helps to explain Jesus’ words in John 8:56: “*Abraham rejoiced to see My day; he saw it and was glad.*”
3. Even though the Gentile world was already hearing and responding to the gospel prior to Paul’s first missionary journey, read Acts 13:44-49 and discuss its significance in the missionary expansion of the church.
4. Read Philippians 2:14-16 and interact together on how these words apply to us in terms of sharing the light of Christ with others in our respective spheres of influence.
5. Revelation 5:9 and 7:9-10 describe pictures of heaven which include those from all people groups of the world. What is the role of missions in our day in light of these descriptions? How are these passages connected to Jesus’ promise in Matthew 16:16?