



LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH: SERMON SERIES HANDOUT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ISAIAH

Sunday, August 10th, 2025

Scripture Focus: Isaiah 41:17-20

Anchor Verse: Isaiah 41:18: *"I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water."*

CHAPTER SEVEN: STREAMS IN THE WILDERNESS.

God sees the desperation of his people (Isaiah 41:17)

When the faithful remnant cry out in the barren places of life, God not only hears: He promises not to forsake them.

- Desperate thirst pictures spiritual and emotional exhaustion.
- *"I the LORD will hear... I will not forsake,"* is a personal and covenantal promise.
- Even when the wilderness is of our own making, God does not abandon us there.

Reflection: Are you seeking water in a dry place? God hears you even when no one else sees your need.

GOD PROVIDES WATER WHERE NONE EXISTS (ISAIAH 41:18)

This is miraculous provision, not man-made relief. God brings water where water has never been.

- Rivers in high places: provision in impossible circumstances.
- Fountains in valleys: refreshment in life's lowest points.
- Springs in dry land: unexpected, supernatural sustenance.

Truth to Remember: When human help runs out, divine provision begins.

GOD RESTORES LIFE AND PURPOSE (ISAIAH 41:19)

God does not merely relieve suffering: He rebuilds and replants.

- A rich variety of trees is planted: cedar, myrtle, olive, pine, and more.



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- These are trees of purpose, many used in worship or the Temple.
- The wilderness becomes a sanctuary, not a place of shame.

Challenge: Has God brought you through the desert? Look for the new growth. He's planting more than you expected.

GOD'S PROVISION IS MEANT TO BE KNOWN (ISAIAH 41:20)

God's help is not only for you; it's a witness to the world.

- *"That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand..."*
- God's provision is not random. It's a divine signature meant to be recognized.
- He provides so that others may know *"the hand of the LORD hath done this."*

Application: Your testimony in the desert may be the water someone else needs.

Conclusion: From Desolation to Demonstration

God meets His people in the desert—but He doesn't leave them there.

- Let your wilderness be a canvas for His provision.
- Let your dry places lead to deeper trust.
- Let your life testify: The LORD has done this.

Key Question: What part of your story will point others to the God who makes streams in the wilderness?

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Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.