

## Sermon

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Isaiah 54:1-17

### Dealing with the Shame

<sup>7</sup> ***Instead of your shame you shall have double honor***, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. **Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.**

Isaiah 61:7 NKJV

### Shame Response

<sup>8</sup> And ***they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day***, and Adam and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, **and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.**"

Genesis 3:8-9 NKJV

### What Road?

<sup>11</sup> And He said, "***Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?***" <sup>12</sup> Then the man said, "**The woman whom You gave to be with me**, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "**The serpent deceived me, and I ate.**"

Genesis 3:11-13 NKJV

### Blame vs Responsibility

<sup>4</sup> "***Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced***, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. <sup>5</sup> For **your Maker is your husband**, The Lord of hosts is His name; And **your Redeemer** is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.

Isaiah 54:4-5 NKJV

### The Call

<sup>6</sup> **For the Lord has called you Like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit,** Like a youthful wife when you were refused," Says your God. <sup>7</sup> "For a mere moment **I have forsaken you,** But with great mercies I will gather you. <sup>8</sup> With a **little wrath I hid My face** from you for a moment; **But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,"** Says the **Lord, your Redeemer.**

Isaiah 54:6-8 NKJV

### The Covenant

<sup>9</sup> "**For this is like the waters of Noah to Me;** For as **I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So** have I sworn That **I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.**

Isaiah 54:9 NKJV

### I Will

<sup>11</sup> "**O you afflicted one, Tossed with tempest, and not comforted,** Behold, **I will lay your stones with colorful gems,** And lay your foundations with sapphires. <sup>12</sup> I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of crystal, And all your walls of precious stones. <sup>13</sup> **All your children shall be taught by the Lord,** And great shall be the peace of your children. <sup>14</sup> In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you.

Isaiah 54:11-14 NKJV

### The Conflict

<sup>15</sup> **Indeed they shall surely assemble, but not because of Me.** Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake. <sup>16</sup> "Behold, **I have created the blacksmith Who blows the coals in the fire,** Who **brings forth an instrument for his work;** And I have created the spoiler to destroy.

Isaiah 54:15-16 NKJV

### The Promise

<sup>17</sup> **No weapon formed against you shall prosper,** And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord.

Isaiah 54:17 NKJV

## The Present Visitation

<sup>1</sup> "**Sing, O barren**, You who have not borne! **Break forth into singing, and cry aloud**, You who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate Than the children of the married woman," says the LORD.<sup>2</sup> "**Enlarge the place of your tent**, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; **Lengthen** your cords, And **strengthen** your stakes. <sup>3</sup> For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited.

Isaiah 54:1-3 NKJV