



Daily Devotional

Note for 20251001 - Isa 40v11 - Behold the LORD

1. Opening

There are a few ways in which you can partake in the Daily Devotional:

Watch at: <https://youtu.be/u-vMPru2coY>

We are to receive the Word of GOD by the Spirit, so I strongly urge you to pray before you receive the Devotional. Let Christ take the lead in your Spiritual Development.

Introduction

2. Scripture Text

Isaiah 40:11 KJV (Verse of the Day)

[11] He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/isa.40.11.KJV>

3. Devotional Reflection

I can't help thinking about that moment, after His resurrection, when Jesus asked Simon Peter whether he loves Him. Jesus then says, "feed my sheep." Three times this happens, and it may be worthwhile to read into that scripture here too, because it is remarkable in itself.

But, we must also ask, who is Isaiah speaking about here in the verse of the day and when is He speaking about in the prophecy. **Isaiah 40** is such a strong chapter, that I believe every follower of Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah should know. It is not my intent to overburden any one at this time, so I will just expand the Verse of the Day to 3 verses, but really, if you have the time, you should really read all of it.

Isaiah 40:9-11 KJV

[9] O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! [10] Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. [11] He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/isa.40.9-11.KJV>

Verse 9 answers the question of who, and verse 10 answers, when. Verse 11 gives us what the Lord will do, and now we know it is when He rules.

But of course, there is so much in just these three verses, and last time we looked at it, we looked at the entire chapter. (Now, at this time, we are looking at just these three here, and the message is not going out to everyone anymore, but to you here on YouVersion and those that enquire from me about the LORD.) I started out this devotional message with the memory of the conversation between Jesus and Peter. I am just going to quote one verse here, but read all of **John 21** to receive more.

John 21:17 KJV

[17] He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jhn.21.17.KJV>

Jesus, the Messiah promised by the Prophets of GOD, like Isaiah, left a crucial "charge" to Peter, who was to establish the "*Ekklesia*" (a called-out assembly/congregation) which is commonly translated to church, even though church actually come from "*Kuriakon*" (belonging to the Lord.) Both Greek words, though, point to something or shall I say someone other than brick buildings. And if you know about the New Jerusalem of **Revelation 21**, you won't have any confusion about who Isaiah is speaking about here in these three verses today. In fact, if you start investigating this it will dispel denominations too, because the separation is that of the LORD, not the doctrines of man. So much so that you cannot go unto the Father without Christ and thus, both Jew and Gentile have their salvation in the Messiah alone. Not quite the "replacement theology" the worldly teaches, but still a requirement to enter into the Kingdom of GOD, that kicks off here on earth by the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ the Son of GOD, on earth. And the congregation in Jesus Christ is called to feed these sheep and lambs we read about in the verse of the day, until Jesus Christ returns. Zion, the New Jerusalem, who is the Bride of Christ.

One verse given for the verse of the day, so much depth required in a fuller understanding, that ties in to the prayer of Christ in **John 17** again, that we be One, as The Father and the Son is One. (Read it again if you can, it really opens the heart to understand the heart of Jesus Christ.)

4. Verse of the Day

From the YouVersion Bible App

Note on the Verse:

This note is based on the Verse of the Day as received through the YouVersion Bible App.

5. Closing Paragraph

So, with Isaiah, this morning I say. All you sheep of the LORD, behold the LORD your GOD, and His Strong Right Arm that brings Salvation and Comfort and will keep you unto that receiving of the reward that is with Him, if only we endure unto the end and love not our lives unto death.

Selah, Shalom

6. Optional Reading / Study Expansion

In Addition:

After posting the Verse of the Day on The Stern Watch WhatsApp Group, brother Derick posted the following verse. Seems like these Old Testament writers knew something more than many of the “scholars.”

Psalms 23:1 KJV

[1] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/psa.23.1.KJV>

7. Resources

Playlists:

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Find playlists at: <https://soundcloud.com/houseofbread4u/sets>

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