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CareLines: Volume 3, Give God a Chance

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APRIL 25

Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God . . . but Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord.

Isaiah 7:11-12

God was seeking out king Ahaz. God wanted to prove Himself to the unbelieving king; but Ahaz would not give Him the chance. If you are weak in faith, God is gracious; He will reveal Himself to those who earnestly seek Him: it may be by a sign or by an answer to prayer or just by a sense of His presence. Let Him strengthen and encourage you. Don't be like Ahaz; give God a chance.

CareLines: Volume 3, Sacrifice

DECEMBER 20

Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Isaiah 6:8

The Lord was a willing sacrifice. He gave Himself voluntarily as the only one qualified to bear our sins. We could not have borne the punishment that God had to inflict to pay the price for sin.

There was none other good enough,To pay the price for sin.He only could unlock the gateOf heaven, and let us in.

CareLines: Volume 3, Sacrifice

JUNE 28

Who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send Me.

Isaiah 6:8

A sacrifice for the sins of the world was needed. Man was hopeless and helpless and away from God. Who could go? Who could bear the great burden of sin that had to be dealt with? Christ was the only one and in our verse He volunteered to go. No one else was capable. No one else loved that much. Let's remember today as we gather around the Lord Jesus that His love was so strong that death could not quench it. He willingly offered Himself without spot to God in order that we might go free. He was the only perfect sacrifice, and as a result we have free access to heaven through faith in Him.

CareLines: Volume 7, Righteousness

All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.

Isaiah 64:6

So you think that you're not so bad? Ever wiped an old car engine with a clean, white cloth? Try it sometime. What it looks like is what your righteousness looks like to God UNLESS you have the righteousness of Christ. Then you are spotless. We can do nothing to gain favor with God. Only Christ can make us acceptable.

CareLines: Volume 3, Lord's Day, The

JUNE 7

If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath . . . and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure. . .

Isaiah 58:13

". . . nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord" (v. 14). These verses, which refer to the Sabbath, are a good example for us in connection with the Lord's Day. We should treat it differently from other days of the week. The world has changed the Lord's Day into a day of recreation and business. Unfortunately, it has affected the way we treat it too, and many times we do things on Sundays just like everyone else. Let's respect the Lord's Day, and keep it for Him who rose from the dead on that day, the first day of the week.

CareLines: Volume 2, Devotions: 3

ISA 55:8

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord.

Isa. 55:8

Some time ago at a construction site near my home, a worker was seriously injured when a truckload of gravel was dumped on top of him. He had motioned the truck back towards the deep ditch where he stood. He thought the driver would wait until he got out of the ditch; the driver thought he was already out when he dumped the load. Their thoughts did not coincide. It is vital that your thoughts are the Lord's thoughts, as much as possible. You can NEVER read too much of His word.

CareLines: Volume 3, Death

NOVEMBER 29

He hath poured out His soul unto death.

Isaiah 53:12

The death of Jesus was the most incredible death of any human. He died willingly. He became obedient unto death, it says in Philippians 2, even the death of the cross. "Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" is another verse. "He is despised and rejected of men." Isaiah 53:3. Spend some time today remembering Calvary and the Lord's death there, and why He was willing to die. It's a wonderful story.

CareLines: Volume 3, Sacrifice

AUGUST 9

The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:6

The work of the cross was God's work. He chose to lay on Jesus our iniquity. And then He punished Him for it as if it was His own. This was the punishment that we deserved but Jesus took it for us. As we remember the Lord Jesus again today, let's think about the tremendous cost of our salvation. It cost Jesus His life. It cost God the giving up of His Son.

CareLines: Volume 2, Worship

ISA 45:23

PHI 2:10-11

Unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Isa. 45:23

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Phil. 2:10, 11

God's plan for the worship of Christ in the Old Testament still stands. Every knee will bow. Every tongue will confess. How wonderful it is to be able to bow and confess today from a thankful heart -voluntarily - because of His love for us. Everyone will bow, one day. But today as we gather around the Son of God and remember Him in His death for us at Calvary, we can bow our hearts to Him in worship and adoration as we thank Him for dying for us. He paid ALL the price to set us free from hell. What a Savior we have.

CareLines: Volume 3, Called

MAY 20

Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou are Mine.

Isaiah 43:1

Yes, young person, you have been called to belong to the Lord Jesus. He has called you by your name. This shows His interest in you as an individual. You belong to Him - He bought you with His blood. You are redeemed. “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.” There’s no need to be afraid. God has given you peace.

CareLines: Volume 3, Remember

ISA 42:26

Put Me in remembrance.

Isa. 43:26

In the previous verse (v. 25) God is reminding His people that it was He that had blotted out their transgressions. Then He asks them to put Him in remembrance. But how easy it is to forget. We get so busy (I’m sure that’s what Satan wants) and so occupied with things down here that we often forget what God has done for us. Today as we go to remember the Lord in His death, let’s make a special effort to REALLY remember what it cost Him to redeem us; what He had to do in order to blot out our transgressions. And then during the week always thank the Lord for what He did in order for us to get to heaven.

CareLines: Volume 2, Creator, The

ISA 40:28

Hast thou not heard . . . the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?

Isa. 40:28

In the Lord we have a never-ending supply of strength. General Motors is planning to build an electric car. It’ll run 75 miles . . . and then need to be recharged. That’s just like us. We run on spiritual batteries that run down. Then we need to be recharged every day by reading the Scriptures, spending time alone with God, and time in fellowship with other Christians. The Lord is our Charger. He is the source to “trickle charge” us when we run out of power.

CareLines: Volume 2, Remembrance

ISA 26:8

The desire of our soul is to Thy name, and to the remembrance of Thee.

Isa. 26:8

Our soul’s desire is towards the Lord Jesus. Why? Because He gave Himself for us at Calvary’s cross. He suffered for our sin. He died, and shed His blood to wash us clean and make us fit for heaven. This should cause our affection to go out to Him. And not just to be identified with the name of Jesus, but to remember Him and the cost of our salvation. That’s what’s so special about today. We can remember Him.

CareLines: Volume 3, Salvation

SEPTEMBER 11

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

Isaiah 1:18

There is only one solution to the sin question -the problem of your heart being stained with sin - that is the application of the blood of Christ. The only way for your sins to be “as white as snow” is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and for Him to wash your sins away. This is salvation. It’s very simple - and it gives peace.

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