"The Joy of Recommitment"
Isaiah 4:2-6

C.I.T./S.—Remaining faithful is worth it.
Purpose—I want our people to keep their eye on the promise of Christ's return and remain faithful to Him.
Introduction—Kids first jump off the high dive—recommitment to Christ

- On that day—refers to the Day of the LORD
  - Eschatological day—return of Christ.
  - Practical day of judgment—metaphorically referring to the day in which God bring judgment to sinners
- The prospect of the Day of the LORD should led to a voluntary recommitment to Jesus Christ.

I. ***Recommitment Brings a Restored Reign***. Vs 2
   a. The Branch of the LORD/fruit of the earth
      i. The Branch of the LORD could refer to a sprout/fruit of the ground
      ii. Double entendre
      iii. Messianic meaning
         1. Psalm 132:17
         2. Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15
         3. Zechariah 3:8; 6:12
   b. New reverence
      i. Beautiful and glorious—refers to beautified/ornamented
      ii. Pride and glory—priority
   c. Instead of pride in man/self, the survivors take pride in Jesus.
   d. Two things at the same time:
      i. The Messiah will be returned to His rightful place in their lives: as King.
      ii. Their lives would be blessed because of His reign.
   e. Illus.—Godly leader vs. ungodly leader in Israel
   f. Application
      i. Jesus' return places Him where He should have been all along.
      ii. Those who survive the judgment of God, do so because they have placed Him back on the throne.
      iii. They will experience renewed blessings and joys in this restored reign.

II. ***Recommitment Brings a Restored Righteousness*** vs. 3-4
   a. Those who remain.
      i. All of the idolaters, arrogant, and prideful have been removed from Jerusalem.
      ii. Those who remain would have been the faithful ones—the remnant.
   b. They will be called 'holy"—set apart, without spot or wrinkle.
      i. The LORD will wash away their sin
      ii. The LORD will cleanse their bloodguilt
      iii. The LORD will judge and burn the dross.
   c. At His return, He removes the ungodly and returns to rule the righteous.
   d. Illus.—Cancer treatment to remove the cancer and leave the good cells
   e. Application
      i. Our sins, habits, and inequities will be removed.

ii. All that will be left is the holiness of Jesus Christ.
iii. He removed those sins on the cross and extended forgiveness to us.

III. ***Recommitment Brings a Restored Relationship*** vs. 5-6

a. Guide
   i. **Exodus 13:21-22**--Pillar of cloud and fire
   ii. This pillar served as a representative of God's presence, but also gave guidance to the people through the wilderness.
   iii. When our relationship is healthy, Jesus serves as a guide.
b. Refuge
   i. Glory—kabod
   ii. Exodus 24:16
   iii. Canopy, Shelter, Refuge
   iv. Covered in the glory of God to protect from the storms of life
c. Illus.—Passenger Princess
d. Application
   i. When we have recommitted out lives to Christ, we become passenger princesses in life.
   ii. He will guide us, all we have to do is follow.
   iii. He will take care of the problems, all we have to do is trust.

Conclusion

- Once they take that first jump, you can't get them to stop.
- Once someone experiences the blessing of recommitment to Christ, they wonder, "why didn't I do this sooner."

Psalm 132:17 There I will make a horn grow for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.

Jeremiah 23:5 "Look, the days are coming "-- this is the LORD 's declaration-- "when I will raise up a Righteous Branch for David. He will reign wisely as king and administer justice and righteousness in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15 In those days and at that time I will cause a Righteous Branch to sprout up for David, and he will administer justice and righteousness in the land.

Zechariah 3:8 "Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your colleagues sitting before you; indeed, these men are a sign that I am about to bring my servant, the Branch.

Zechariah 6:12 You are to tell him: This is what the LORD of Armies says: Here is a man whose name is Branch; he will branch out from his place and build the LORD 's temple.

Exodus 13:21 The LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to lead them on their way during the day and in a pillar of fire to give them light at night, so that they could travel day or night. [22] The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night never left its place in front of the people.

Exodus 24:16 The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day he called to Moses from the cloud.