

gather and come to you. As surely as I live," declares the LORD, "you will wear them all as ornaments; you will put them on, like a bride.

[V. 18—An amazing change is happening. The Lord says, "Watch. Pay attention."]

19 "Though you were ruined and made desolate and your land laid waste, now you will be too small for your people, and those who devoured you will be far away.

[V. 19—The desolate, wasted destruction disappears.]

20 The children born during your bereavement will yet say in your hearing, 'This place is too small for us; give us more space to live in.' **21** Then you will say in your heart, 'Who bore me these? I was bereaved and barren; I was exiled and rejected. Who brought these up? I was left all alone, but these—where have they come from?'" **22** This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I will beckon to the nations, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their hips.

[V. 22—God welcomes all people.]

23 Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down before you with their faces to the ground; they will lick the dust at your feet. Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in me will not be disappointed."

[V. 23—Kings and queens now know He is the Lord. No one who believes in Him will be ashamed.]

What I Have Learned

Christ brings hope in restoration. What are five results of God's restoration according to Isaiah 49:18–23?

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3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Keep In Mind

"This is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'See, I will beckon to the nations, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their hips'"
(Isaiah 49:22, NIV).

Choosing What's Best

Look at the first letter of each phrase. Draw lines to match the phrases with letters (on the left) that spell RESTORE. What does God do for you?

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| R | Telling me I am His |
| E | Replacing my fears with His calm |
| S | Encouraging me |
| T | Equipping me in His Word |
| O | Saving me from my sin |
| R | Overcoming my problems |
| E | Rebuilding relationships |

Read the statements aloud. Do you believe them? Put a star next to the way you want God to restore you right now.

Doing My Part

This week, tell one person how much God wants to love and take care of them. Pray for that person to understand how God shows justice and mercy for all His people. With whom will you share this good news this week? Print that person's name here:

2 look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. **3** The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

[V. 3—*God gives comfort, joy, gladness, and a reason to be thankful.*]

4 “Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations.

[V. 4—*God’s judgment is a light for people.*]

5 My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. **6** Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail. **7** “Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have taken my instruction to heart: Do not fear the reproach of mere mortals or be terrified by their insults.

[V. 7—*Put the law in your heart, not just your mind.*]

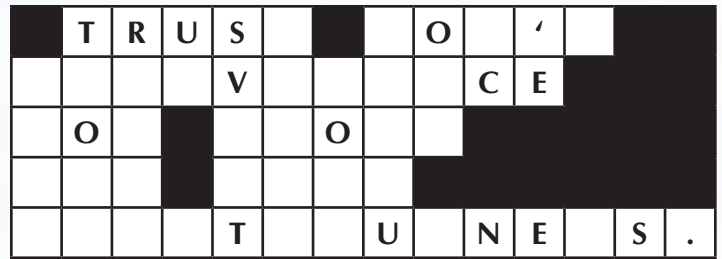
8 For the moth will eat them up like a garment; the worm will devour them like wool. But my righteousness will last forever, my salvation through all generations.”

[V. 8—*God’s salvation lasts forever.*]

What I Have Learned

Summarize today’s lesson.

Hint: Two important words are “righteousness” and “salvation.”



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Keep In Mind

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn”
 (Isaiah 51:1, NIV).

Choosing What’s Best

Read these promises. If you had a friend like Mica, what would you say? Place these words in the correct blanks: guide, strength, afraid, way.

- Isaiah 30:21** – God will show you the _____.
- Isaiah 40:31** – God will give you _____.
- Isaiah 41:13** – God will help you when you are _____.
- Isaiah 58:11** – God will _____ you.

Doing My Part

Your challenge this week is to choose one of the verses you read today, write it on an index card, and commit it to memory. Then, meditate on that verse and keep it in your heart.