

## A MESSAGE OF COMFORT AND A MESSAGE OF WARNING

Isaiah 3:10-11

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** It is very obvious that there are two classes of people in the world and always has been. There are the righteous and the unrighteous. Everyone fits into one of these two classes for with God there is no middle class. Either one is righteous or one is unrighteous/wicked. Through the centuries families have had some of each class. Remember Cain and Abel? Abraham had two sons, Ishmael and Isaac. Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob. God sent the flood because His Children united with those who were unrighteous, leaving only Noah and his family as being the only righteous ones left. Today it is the same. There are those who have believed in Jesus Christ and have been made righteous and those who have not believed and they remain unrighteous. Which are YOU?

### I. A MESSAGE FOR THE RIGHTEOUS

1. ***"...Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat of the fruit of their doings.."***
2. Who are the people that God calls "the righteous?"
  - There are none righteous by nature. (Romans 3:9-19)
  - There are none capable of producing righteousness. (Isaiah 64:6)
  - Not any of the religious works, devotions and sacrifices offered to God can make one righteous. (Isaiah 1:10-14; 2-7)
  - The only righteous person in the sight of God is the one whom God made righteous.
    - The believer has been made righteous in the sight of God by what Jesus Christ did and it is HIS righteousness that is bestowed upon the believer.
      - 1 Corinthians 1:30-31; 2 Corinthians 5:21
  - Adam's sin is passed on to all the sons of Adam (all humanity)
  - The sins of God's elect (believers) have been passed on to Jesus Christ.
  - The righteousness of Jesus Christ is passed on to every one who believes in Him. (Romans 5:17-21)
3. Believers have been made righteous by God in their being regenerated (1 John 3:1-10)
  - The original person is not erased or improved.
  - One's standing before God is not improved.
  - A totally new nature is born within the believer.
  - There is a continuous battle within the believer between the two natures.
4. What does God promise to the righteous?
  - ***"...It shall be well with him..."***
  - It is well with the righteous now (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
  - It shall be well with the righteous when all seems to be ill (Jacob - Joseph)
    - It shall be well with the righteous when it is ill to everyone else. (Widow of Zarephath)
  - When temptations comes, it shall be well with the righteous (1 Corinthians 10:13)
  - When trials come, it shall be well with the righteous (Hebrews 12:5-11; James 1:12)
  - When Satan buffets, it shall be well with the righteous.
  - When one is weak, it shall be well with the righteous. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
  - When one sins, it shall be well with the righteous. (1 John 2:1-2)
  - When one falls, it shall be well with the righteous. (Peter)
  - So long as one lives on this earth, it shall be well with the righteous.
  - In the hour of death, it shall be well with the righteous.
  - In the judgment, it shall be well with the righteous - ***"...Come ye blessed..."***

5. What is the basis of this promise?
  - If a person is a believer in Jesus Christ, one is righteous, having been washed in the blood, born of God, robed in the righteousness of Christ and it will be well with that person.
  - The believer's greatest trouble is past - his/her sin and guilt have been removed.
  - The believer's greatest enemy has been defeated - Satan.
  - The indwelling sin, the old human nature of the flesh is doomed.
  - God who made these promises, rules all things.
  - The believer is never alone.
    - The comforter, the Holy Spirit lives within the believer.
    - There is a mighty arm upon which the believer may lean.
    - There is a gracious God walking with the believer.
  
6. The very justice of God demands that it shall be well with the righteous.
  - ***"...for they shall eat of the fruit of their doings..."***
  - Believers are well fed, for they feed upon the "flesh and blood of Jesus Christ."
  - Believers are well dressed, in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.
  - Believers are well housed, for God is their dwelling place.
  - Believers are well wed, for they are united in Jesus Christ.
  - Believers are well provided for, ***"...The Lord is the portion of my soul..."***

## II. A MESSAGE FOR THE UNRIGHTEOUS

1. ***"...Woe unto the wicked! It shall be ill with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him..."***
  
2. To all who are unbelievers (unrighteous, wicked), it shall be ill to you at all times, in all circumstances.
  - All is ill now with the unbeliever.
  - All shall be ill as long as the unbeliever lives.
  - It shall be ill with the unbeliever when he/she dies.
  - It shall be ill to the unbeliever in the judgment.
  - It shall be ill to the unbeliever through out all eternity.
  
3. The eternal woe, damnation, separation will be a just retribution - ***"...For the reward of his hands shall be given him...the wages of sin is death..."***
  - Those who go to hell will do so by their own fault, the work of their own hands.

## CONCLUSION:

1. Righteousness is set before every person in the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Any and every person can be made righteous in God's sight freely and easily IF a person desires to be.
3. Every person is either righteous or unrighteous in God sight.
4. Every person is either going to Heaven or to Hell.
5. Belief in Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to go to heaven.