

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : Isaiah 35: 1 - 10

Title : The Ransomed Has Returned

The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing... Isaiah 35:10

1. Captivity to internal fears

...strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees, say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!..." Isaiah 34:3,4

The fear of a small country against large and hostile neighbours, of righteousness being overwhelmed by unrighteousness

2. Captivity to external fears

...then shall the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped...

Isaiah 35:5,6

The fear of Ahaz of Judah against the alliance between Israel and Samaria, followed by the fear of Hezekiah of Judah against Assyria

3. Ransomed by righteousness

..a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.... Isaiah 35:8

The promise of deliverance by God when they were in Egypt: "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgement. I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God...." Exodus 6:6-7

4. Freedom from fear

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come upon it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. Isaiah 35:9

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. Isaiah 35:2

5. The righteous reversal of the ransomed

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. Isaiah 35:10

The burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. Isaiah 35:7

Have you had the experience of being freed from some captivity or other? Are you looking forward to God paying the ransom for yet further freedom from internal or external fears?