

## ISAIAH CHAPTER 51

<sup>1</sup> "Hearken to Me, you that follow after righteousness, and seek the Lord; look to the solid rock, which you have hewn, and to the hole of the pit which you have dug. <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for he was alone when I called him, and blessed him, and loved him, and multiplied him.

<sup>3</sup> "And now I will comfort you, O Zion; and I have comforted all her desert places; and I will make her desert places as a garden, and her western places as the garden of the Lord; they shall find in her gladness and exaltation, thanksgiving and the voice of praise.

<sup>4</sup> "Hear Me, hear Me, My people; and you kings, listen to Me; for a law shall proceed from Me, and My judgment *shall be* for a light of the nations. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness speedily draws near, and My salvation shall go forth as light, and on My arm shall the Gentiles trust; the isles shall wait for Me, and on My arm shall they trust. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the sky, and look on the earth beneath; for the sky was darkened like smoke, and the earth shall grow old like a garment, and the inhabitants shall die in like manner; but My righteousness shall not fail.

<sup>7</sup> "Hear Me, you that know judgment, the people in whose heart is My law; do not fear the reproach of men, and do not be overcome by their contempt. <sup>8</sup> For as a garment will be devoured by time, and as wool will be devoured by a moth, *so shall they be consumed*; but My righteousness shall be forever, and My salvation for all generations."

<sup>9</sup> Awake, awake, O Jerusalem, and put on the strength of your arm; awake as in the early time, as the ancient generation. <sup>10</sup> Are you not *the One* that dried the sea, the water, *even* the abundance of the deep; that made the depths of the sea a way of passage for the delivered and redeemed? <sup>11</sup> For by *the help* of the Lord they shall return, and come to Zion with joy and everlasting exaltation, for praise and joy shall come upon their head; pain, grief, and groaning have fled away.

<sup>12</sup> "I, *even* I, am He that comforts you; consider who you are, that you were afraid of mortal man, and of the son of man, who have withered as grass. <sup>13</sup> And you have forgotten God who made you, who made the sky and founded the earth; and you were continually afraid because of the wrath of him that afflicted you; for *whereas* he counseled to take you away, yet now where is the wrath of him that afflicted you? <sup>14</sup> For in your deliverance he shall not halt, nor tarry; <sup>15</sup> for I am your God, that troubles the sea, and causes its waves to roar; the Lord of hosts is My name. <sup>16</sup> I will put My words into your mouth, and I will shelter you under the shadow of My hand, with which I fixed the sky, and founded the earth; and *the Lord* shall say to Zion, 'You are My people.'"

<sup>17</sup> Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, that have drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of His fury; for you have drunk out and drained the cup of calamity, the cup of wrath; <sup>18</sup> and there was none to comfort you of all the children whom you bore; and there was none to take hold of your hand, not even of all the children whom you have reared. <sup>19</sup> Therefore these things are against you; who shall sympathize with you in your grief? Downfall and destruction, famine and sword; who shall comfort you? <sup>20</sup> Your sons are the perplexed ones, that sleep at

the top of every street as a half-boiled beet; they that are full of the anger of the Lord, caused to faint by the Lord God.

<sup>21</sup> Therefore hear, you afflicted one, and drunken, *but* not with wine; <sup>22</sup> thus says the Lord God that judges His people: “Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of calamity, the cup of My wrath; and you shall not drink it anymore. <sup>23</sup> And I will give it into the hands of them that injured you, and them that afflicted you; who said to your soul, ‘Bow down, that we may pass over’; and you laid your body to the ground to them passing by outside.”