



“A New Creation”

Isaiah 56:1-12 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction - *The Messiah announces the Good news that God has provided our salvation at great cost to Himself, and is offering it free to those who believe in His Servant. How should those who have received such a great gift of grace live? What changes can be seen?*

I. The New Concerns.

- A. God gives us the “living water” of His Spirit, and has planted His desires and concerns in our heart. (Is. 56:1)
 - 1. Justice
 - 2. Righteousness
 - 3. Salvation
- B. These three concerns are inseparably linked together.
- C. These concerns can be summed up in one idea:
- D. Who are the “vulnerable?”
- E. Identifying the “righteous” and the “wicked” in the Bible:
 - 1. The “righteous” are those who are-

-Like the Good Samaritan (Luke 10)

- 2. The “wicked” are those who are-
 - Like King Ahab (I Kgs. 21)
- 3. Job’s example.

II. The New Community.

- A. Before Messiah, worship was confined to those of the Hebrew race.
- B. Two groups of people were specifically excluded: (Deut. 23:1,3)
 - 1.
 - 2.
- C. But the Messiah brings them into a new community, not based on race or status.
- D. Jesus took this very seriously. (Lk. 4:17-30)

III. The New Name.

- A. A person’s name signified their character and status.
- B. Many people want to “make a name for themselves.”
- C. To understand Isaiah 56, you must understand Acts 8.

Conclusion –

God gives believers in Jesus a new name.