## Isaiah 54 Song of the Servant

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We don't always see the fruit, but our work in the Lord is never in vain. – I Cor. 15:58)

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According to His promise. ("All nations will be blessed through you"- Gen. 12:3) Bursting into song (I Samuel 2:1-10 / Luke 1:46=55)

God's heart toward the humble and oppressed (James 1:27 / Psalm 51:17) Becoming too large for your tent (Leviticus 26:9 / Psalm 127:3-5) A sign of God's blessing – both physical and spiritual children

Reunited with your Maker (4-10) It is our sin that led to separation.

> Reproach will be removed (Joshua 5:9 / Psalm 103:10-12) Sin's penalty (past), power (present), and presence (future) all removed. Redeemed by the Holy One (I Peter 1:18-20) Act a great cost – we are not our own (I Corinthians 6:19-20) Returned to your former relationship (Genesis 1:26-27 / I John 1:3) Created for fellowship – restored in Christ. Rebuked never again (Psalm 25:1-3) There will be no shame for those who put their trust in Christ Jesus

Rebuilt in righteousness (11-17) *His righteousness given to us (Philippians 3:9)* 

Precious stones to adorn (Exodus 28:17-21, 29 / Revelation 21:19-21) *Reminders of how precious God's people are to Him.*Peace and righteousness prevail (Isaiah 26:3 / Philippians 4:6-7 / II Corinthians 5:21) *His peace through any circumstances / His righteousness imputed to us.*Protection against any weapons of destruction (Romans 8:31-39) *Nothing can separate us from His love.*

Discussion questions for Isaiah 54

Why are God's promises so important to His children? (Joshua 1:9 / II Peter 1:3-4) From them we gain the strength and courage to do His work. Everything we need to live godly lives is found by trusting in the promises of His Word! By faith in believing His promises, the Holy Spirit works through our lives.

Describe a time when you were blessed and/or comforted by trusting in God's promise.

What is required for us to be 'reunited' with our Creator? (Ephesians 1:7 / Hebrews 9:12-14 / John 5:24 / I John 1:9) *Our redemption had to be secured by One who could face the punishment we deserve and satisfy the wrath of our righteous God. Believing Jesus is that One and putting our trust in Him alone opens the door for His Spirit to enter and transform our lives. Turning from our sin by confessing to God opens the door for us to experience His cleansing and enjoy fellowship with Him.* 

What relationship does God desire to have with us? (Revelation 21:3 / John 14:16, 23; 17:3) *He desires to be our God who will live with us and we with Him for eternity. He desires to be our Father whom we love and know. He desires to be intimately involved in our lives – even as His Spirit dwells within us.* 

What significance do the precious stones have? (Ex. 28:17-21, 29 / Revelation 21:19-21 / I Corinthians 3:11-13 / Revelation 4:3) *Precious stones are used to represent His people as they enter into His presence – showing how precious we are to Him. The color and beauty of precious stones show the glory and splendor of our God. Precious stones also represent our works before God (that is the work done by Him and for Him) that are the basis of our rewards.* 

As we face persecutions and hardships, what benefits do we receive from God to help sustain us? (Philippians 3:10-13 / Hebrews 13:5 / Deuteronomy 31:8 / Ephesians 1:19 II Corinthians 4:16-18) *His presence gives us the courage and strength to face any challenge. Through Him we can learn the secret of being content in any circumstances. The Spirit offers us unlimited power to face our trials and accomplish His work. And our hope for the future He has promised us gives us a proper perspective toward the troubles we face in this life.* 

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