

God's Words Will Remain Forever

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“As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever” (Isaiah 59:21—KJV).

“As for me, this is my covenant with them,’ says the LORD. My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,’ says the LORD” (Isaiah 59:21—NIV).

When God looked upon the earth, Isaiah said God was appalled that no one intervened in behalf of those who had turned from practicing evil to obeying the truth; instead, honest believers became the victims of evil people who gave them no justice when they appealed for help. Therefore, Isaiah foretold that God would send the Redeemer to Jerusalem in order to save those who repented of their sins (Isaiah 59:20). When Jesus came as the Messiah, He fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy. Jesus made a new covenant with His own blood—not the blood of sheep or goats. He brought salvation to all who repented and entrusted their lives to Him as Lord and Savior. He filled His apostles with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, and on that Day, when the crowd understood that they had been responsible for the death of God's Messiah so that they asked what they could do, Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). About three thousand people obeyed Peter's message and were baptized and received the Holy Spirit that very Day. Since then, the words of Jesus have been recorded in the Scriptures and His teachings have been passed down from generation to generation.

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Thinking Further

1. What did God see when He looked upon the people living in Judah and Jerusalem?
2. What sustained or upheld God when He considered the situation in the Promised Land?
3. What two pieces of armor did God put on in order to help His true followers?
4. What did God say He would do to those who practiced evil?
5. Who did God say He would send, to whom would He send Him, what would He do, and what would be the results of His coming?