



ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

November 23-25, 2024
Last Sunday of the Church Year

Isaiah 51:4-6

**Help Wanted Stewardship Series:
Live Like You'll Live Forever. Live and Serve with
Your Eyes on the Skies.**

Isaiah 51:4-6 - *"Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail."*

vv.4 What challenges would God's people face by being overtaken by Babylon and shipped to live in a foreign land?

Why might they be tempted to feel hopeless?

What are things in your life that might make you feel hopeless sometimes?

When things don't go our way, or we suffer, what does the devil want us to think about God and ourselves?

How is the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh like a bully?

God calls this downtrodden group "my people." How does that help us realize we aren't hopeless?

How is God's Word a light in our darkness and the darkness of this sinful world?

v.5 – God is 100% responsible for our salvation. He says, "my righteousness," "my salvation," "my arm." How does that make us certain about our hope of heaven?

How did God accomplish your eternal salvation?

v.6 – What are some wonderful blessings of living in this world?

God shows us that this world will vanish like smoke, wear out, and those who don't trust in Jesus will sadly end up in hell. How does that help us to enjoy God's gifts, but not let the things of this world become idols?

We look forward to heaven as our eternal home. God's salvation and righteousness never fail. With that in mind how does it motivate you to live your life as a life of service, thanking God with your life?

How do you want to serve him?

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