

# The sure mercies of David

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# “The sure mercies of David....”

Isaiah repeats the Covenant....

- “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; **and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.**

Isaiah 55:1-3 ESV

- Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. **I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.**

Isaiah 55:3 NIV

- Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; **and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.”**

Isaiah 55:1-3 KJV

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- “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow (pursue) me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”                      Psalms 23:6
- h7291. רָדַפּ *râḏap*; a primitive root; to run after (usually with hostile intent; figuratively (of time) gone by): — chase, put to flight, follow (after, on), hunt, (be under) persecute(-ion, -or), **pursue**(-r).
- AV (143) - **pursue** 74, persecute 20, follow 18, chase 13, persecutors 7, pursuer 6, follow after 1, flight 1, misc 3;

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The Covenant

- When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.** I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, **I will discipline him** with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, **but my steadfast love** (*mercy, loving kindness*) **will not depart from him**, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. **Your throne shall be established forever.”**

• 2 Samuel 7:12-16 ESV

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- “Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, **I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep**, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. **And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.** And **I will appoint** a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more.  
(2Samuel 7:8-10)
- “And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that **the LORD will make you a house.** When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.  
(2 Samuel 7:10.5-12)

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- "...Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, **for he has glorified you.**"  
Isaiah 55:1-5

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Seeking the “sure mercies of David.”

- “**Seek the LORD while he may be found;** call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, **for he will abundantly pardon.** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- Isaiah 55:6-9

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From David's  
Song of Deliverance.  
2 Samuel 22:17

of many waters.

He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support.

He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

- “The LORD dealt with me **according to my righteousness;** according to the **cleanness of my hands** he rewarded me.

For I have kept the ways of the LORD **and have not wickedly departed** from my God.

For all his rules were before me, and from his statutes I did not turn aside.

I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from guilt.

And the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight....”



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- “With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.

**This God—his way is perfect;** the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.”

2 Samuel 22:26-31

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Messiah

3 **Yet you are holy**, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

4 **In you** our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 **To you** they cried and were rescued; **in you** they trusted and were not put to shame.

6 **But I am** a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

7 **All who see me** mock me; they make mouths **at me**; they wag their heads;

8 "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;

let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

9 **Yet you** are he who took me from the womb;

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**my heart** is like wax;  
it is melted within **my breast**;  
15 **my strength** is dried up like a  
potsherd,  
and **my tongue** sticks to my jaws;  
**you lay me** in the dust of death.  
16 For dogs encompass **me**;  
a company of evildoers encircles **me**;  
they have pierced **my** hands and feet  
—  
17 I can count all **my** bones—  
they stare and gloat over **me**;  
18 they divide **my** garments among  
them,  
and for **my** clothing they cast lots.  
19 **But you**, O LORD, do not be far

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not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great  
congregation;

my vows I will perform before those who  
fear him.

26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

May your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall  
remember

and turn to the LORD, and all the families  
of the nations

shall worship before you.

28 For kingship belongs to the LORD, and  
he rules over the nations.

29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and

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From Isaiah 53

- 1. Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- 2. For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.
- 3. He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and  
afflicted.
- 5. But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.
- 6. All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

1. John 12:32 | Rom. 10:16 | Isa. 51:9
2. Isa. 11:1 | Isa 52:14
3. Isa 49:7 | Psa. 22:6 | Mark 9:12
4. John 1:10 | Matt 8:17 | Psa. 69:26
5. **Cited** 1 Pet. 2:24 Romans 4:25
6. **Cited** 1 Pet 2:25 | 2 Cor 5:21 | Col 2:14

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7. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

8. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

9. And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

12. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

7. Matt. 26:63 | John 19:9 | 1 Pet. 2:23 **Cited Acts 8:32**
8. Isa. 57:1
9. Matt. 27:57, 60 | **Cited 1 Pet. 2:22**
10. Isa. 44:28? | Cyrus
11. 1 John 2:1 | Acts 13:39 | Rom. 5:18
12. Isa. 52:13 | Phil. 2:9 | Col. 2:15

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David also speaks

- "What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as **David also speaks** of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:  
"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." Romans 4:1-8

**"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit." Psalms 32:1**

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- Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me!  
O LORD, make haste to help me!  
Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether  
who seek to snatch away my life;  
let those be turned back and brought to dishonor  
who delight in my hurt!  
Let those be appalled because of their shame  
who say to me, “Aha, Aha!”
- But may all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who love your salvation  
say continually, “Great is the LORD!”  
As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the Lord takes thought for me.  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
do not delay, O my God!
- Psalms 40:13-17



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Paul provides final explanation

- And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, **“I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.”** (Cited from Isa. 53:3)
- Therefore he says also in another psalm **‘You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’** (Psa. 16:5-11)
- For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about: **“Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.”** Cited Hab. 1:5 (Isa. 29:14) Acts 13:34-41

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The Prophets

- “Concerning this salvation, **the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.** It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look....”

- 1 Peter 1:10-12

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mercies of  
David?  
Jesus.

- Abraham understood this.
  - Genesis 22
- David understood this.
  - Psalm 22
- Isaiah understood this.
  - Isaiah 53
- The question is, “Do we understand this?”
- That it is all about Jesus....

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According to Jesus

**3:7** Isa. 22:22 | Matt. 16:19

**5:3** Gen. 49:9

**5:5** Isa. 11:1 | Rom. 15:12

**22:16** Rev. 1:1, 1:4, 2:28, 5:5 | Matt 1:1 |

Isa 60:3 | Numbers 24:17

**22:17** Isa. 55:1 | John 7:37

- “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, **who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut**, who shuts and no one opens. Revelation 3:7
- And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, **“Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”** Revelation 5:3-5
- “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. **I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”** Revelation 22:16

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Ezekiel comments

- “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. **And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”**

Ezekiel 34:23

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Ezekiel's comments

- **“My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd.** They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and **David my servant shall be their prince forever.** I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be **an everlasting covenant with them.** And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.”

- Ezekiel 37:24-28