**Wait on the Lord**

**Job Review:** Error – Denied Justice (didn’t turn from/curse God)

 God’s Response – His Awesomeness and Power vs.

 Job’s lack of Understanding and Impotence re: Justice

**Isaiah 39** – Prophecy of Babylonian Captivity

(Je 29:10-14) 10For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. 11For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. 14I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity;

 His Good Intentions through Prayer and Intimacy

 Daniel 9 – Prophecy of Messiah (70 weeks)

**Isaiah 40** - Job Parallel

 “comfort My people”, Discipline is over, Messiah is coming (Gentle Rule)

 Awesomeness of God (Job like terms) vs. frailty of men (“all flesh is grass”),

 insignificance of nations (“drop in a bucket”), insignificance of rulers

 manmade Idols – haven’t you known, listened, understood? – Awesomeness of God

(Isa 40:27-41:1) 27Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God”? 28Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. 30Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, 31but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. 1“Keep silence before Me, O coastlands, and let the people renew their strength! Let them come near, then let them speak; let us come near together for judgment.

 Job’s Error – Denied Justice, lack of Understanding (but also turned from God)

 He is the Source of Help/Strength (going to get worse - Isa 39)

 **Idolatry: Shift in Reliance due to not Understanding His Awesomeness** (vs 18-21)

 **Key:** Access His Help by Waiting on the Lord (Braided Together – Jer 29:10-14)

 First Intimacy, then Partnership for Justice

**Isaiah 41-66** Repeated Themes

 Awesomeness of God - Helper, Strength

 Worthlessness of Idols (lack of Understanding)

 Redeemer Messiah - Justice, Righteousness, Salvation

 Refined by Affliction (Job) to Display His Glory (Light to the Nations)

 Witnesses (no more foreign gods - Isa 43:12) - Partnership, Purpose

 New Heaven and Earth (Justice)

Wait on the Lord theme: Prayer and Worship

Isa 42: 10-12 Nations Worship

 13 He Wars against His enemies

 14-16 execution of Restrained Justice

 17 Idolaters ashamed

(Isa 43:22) But you have not called upon Me, O Jacob; and you have been weary of Me, O Israel. (Gal 6:9)

(Isa 56:7) 7Even them (foreigners) I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” (cleansing of temple)

Isa 58 Fasting and Prayer - Justice for the Poor and Afflicted

(Isa 58:8-10) 8Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. 9Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’ “If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, 10if you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday.

 Social Justice linked to Prayer (Job - lack power to bring Justice) - Partnership

(Isa 59:14-16) 14Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. 15So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. 16He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him.

 God’s answer to Injustice/Fallen Truth is Intercession (Partner with Him for Justice)

(Isa 62:6-7) I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

 Pray until His Good Intentions manifest

 (Jer 29:10-14, Persistent Widow Lk 18:1-8, NT Waiting Acts 1:4, 14)

Intimacy - Understand His Intentions

Partnership - Pray Until His Intentions Manifest

Faith - Confidence in His Awesomeness