

Series: Standing on the Promises of God

# I WILL BE WITH THEE

## ISAIAH 43

Text: Isaiah 43:2

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Introduction:

The promise which we shall consider together in this study is a familiar one to most Christians.

The primary application in this passage of Scripture is to the Jewish people, and although this prophecy was made about 700 years before the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, it has been partially fulfilled and will yet be completely fulfilled in God's time.

But this is a promise for all God's people, everywhere, and it is a promise for us today, so let us lean hard upon it.

Note:

# 1. THE PEOPLE

Who are they?

The last three words of verse 1 read, "thou art Mine"; that is to say, God is addressing the people of God, those who belong to Him.

Who are they?

Every Christian belongs to the Lord in a three-fold sense:

## A. We Are His by Creation (vs. 1)

### ***Isaiah 43:1***

*<sup>1</sup> But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.*

Understand because we have been created by Him we belong to Him.

Note:

### ***Colossians 1:16***

*<sup>16</sup> For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or*

*principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

### **Genesis 1:26**

*<sup>26</sup> And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

### **John 1:1-3**

*<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> The same was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

Not only are we His by Creation but also:

#### **B. We Are His by Redemption (vs. 1)**

### **Isaiah 43:1**

*<sup>1</sup> But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for **! have redeemed thee**, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.*

Not only does God have a right to us because He created us but also because He redeemed or purchased us.

Note:

### **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

*<sup>19</sup> What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

### **1 Peter 1:18**

*<sup>18</sup> Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;*

## **2. THE PATHWAY**

### **Isaiah 43:2**

*<sup>2</sup> When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*

Nowhere in scripture or in experience do we find that the Christian life is an easy life.

The Christian life is not a bed of roses, an easy way.

From these verses in Isaiah 43 we learn that the pathway God has chosen for us sometimes leads us through fire and through water.

Sometimes we imagine that those who live closest to Him are favored and will escape trial and testing.

Note four things about the pathway we are traveling:

- It is an Ordained Pathway

God says that we are going to pass through the fire and water.

Because God knows our path we can take comfort in knowing what it is we are going to face.

***Psalm 37:23***

*<sup>23</sup> The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.*

- It At Times will Be a Rough and Testing Way

***Isaiah 43:2***

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- Through Waters

- Through Rivers
  
- Through Fire

These are experiences we cannot escape; and notice that the Lord does not say, "if thou passest", but "when thou passest."

- It Is a Pathway of Various Testings

God plans a different pathway for each of His children. We may pass through the water and not the fire; we may pass through the fire and not the water; or we may pass through the fire and through the water.

As we read through the Psalms and see how varied the testings' were of the psalmists, or look at some of the testings through which you and other Christians are passing, and you will realize how different the test are which the Lord permits in the lives of His children.

- On the Pathway Some Trials are Sever

This list of trials are very severe.

If this were the end of the message we would have little hope but note lastly:

### 3. THE PROMISE

#### ***Isaiah 43:1-2***

*<sup>1</sup> But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. <sup>2</sup> When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*

Note:

God promises to be with them as they would go through the water, rivers and fire.

Because of this promise we should:

Fear not

- God Promised Security
- God Promised His Presence

What great comfort we find in this promise.