

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: A TESTED STONE

Main Text: Isaiah 28:14-22

--worship text: Psalm 118:14-24--

Aim: COMMUNICATE THE VALUE & SURETY OF CHRIST FROM THE PROPHETS TO THE APOSTLES.

Sermon Description: The symbolic language of redemption often references imagery that has a rich historical context through the pages of scripture as the purposes of God in the salvation of a people unfold through the ages. The metaphorical reference to the Messiah as a foundation or cornerstone is a great example. I Peter 2:4 refers to Jesus as a 'living stone' set in place establishing the structural reference point and integrity of His church. Each believer is also like a stone fitted in a spiritual house for purposes of true and worthy worship. Where does this language come from? At first it may appear cryptic or foreign to the modern reader. It turns out Peter is referencing the great prophetic record of Isaiah in this passage. Isaiah introduces the concept of the Messiah as Zion's true foundation in the context of counterfeit covenant schemes during the reign on Hezekiah. These were the ideals and events leading up to the exile. Prophetic warnings were largely unheeded at this time as the foundations of society were corrupted by more and more idolatry and compromise. Eventually the people would realize there is no place of stability outside the Messianic hope as their plans failed, their nation was occupied, and they were led back into exile... Nevertheless, repentance flourished in Nehemiah's day as the foundations were reestablished on true religion. In the pattern of the great prophets and faithful leaders of old, the Apostle Peter proclaims to the 'elect exiles' throughout Asia Minor that Jesus Christ is the only sure foundation. His words are all the more meaningful in light of their context, hence we turn to their referent in Isaiah 28...

Heading: ...CHRIST AS CORNERSTONE REVEALED IN LIGHT OF...

1. COVENANT HISTORICAL OCCASION (Isaiah 28:14-15)

- a. Representative headship
- b. Counterfeit covenant
- c. Telling language (Prov 8:35-36)

2. ABSOLUTE STANDARDS (16-17)

- a. Refuge in Zion
- b. Christ alone (I Pet 2:4)
- c. Holy weights & measures

3. JUDICIAL RECKONING (17-22)

- a. Judgement instruments
- b. The hard way
- c. Tables turn (II Sam 5:20)
- d. Decree received

4. GOSPEL CATEGORIES (Isaiah 53:4-6)

- a. Hearing the Word
- b. Covenant with death
- c. Who is your Cornerstone?
- d. The whip (Is 53)

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FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Theme: | Theme: | Theme: | Theme: | Theme: | Theme: |
| Historical occasion | Standards | Reckoning | False covenants | Whipped for us | Next Week |
| Verses: | Verses: | Verses: | Verses: | Verses: | Verses: |
| Is 28:14-15 | 16-17 | 17-22 | Prov 8:35-36 | Is 53:4-6 | Psalm 103 |