

The Three Harkens

1. Is. 51:1 -- "Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness."
2. Is. 51:4 -- "Hearken unto me, my people."
3. Is. 51:7 -- "Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness."

The Three Awakes

1. Is. 51:9 -- "Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord."
2. Is. 51:17 -- "Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem."
3. Is. 52:1 -- "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion."

The Chorus of Joy

1. Is. 52:7 -- "How beautiful upon the mountains."
2. Is. 52:9 -- "Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem."
3. Is. 52:11 -- "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence."

The first of these parts, 51:1-3, is addressed to those who are following after righteousness. They are told that the way to find it is to look to the original source through which they came into the Kingdom of God. It is pointed out that Abraham was called alone when God chose him out of all the people of the earth, to be the source of blessing. Those who now are following after righteousness are told to look to the rock from which they have been hewn and to know that even as God blessed Abraham He can also bless them. Verse 3 gives definite assurance that God will indeed comfort Zion.

Verses 4-6 are addressed to God's people who are tempted to be weak in faith and to question whether He will really perform His promises. Their attention is called to the celestial forces which God has established. He will eventually cause these to vanish away like smoke, but He declares that His salvation will last forever and ever.

Verses 7-8 are addressed to the people who know righteousness -- those whose hearts are steadfastly fixed upon the Word of God. They are assured that God's righteousness is permanent and will not perish like earthly things.

We now begin the sections introduced by "awake." The first of these seems not to be a statement of the Lord, like