

Redeemer puts on are illustrative of the similar garments which His people are entitled to wear. Surely the rejoicing of the one who is redeemed by the work of Christ and united to Him through the new birth surpasses any other joy in heaven or earth save the joy of the One Who made it possible by His redemptive act.

The eleventh verse refers principally to the effects during the present age of the work of Christ at His first coming. The spread of the Gospel is compared to the growing of the plants in a garden. God causes righteousness and peace to spring forth, even as the earth brings forth her bud. The redemptive work of Christ is effective as the Holy Spirit carries the message to the very ends of the earth and the lives of redeemed individuals in every land show righteousness and peace springing forth before all the nations. There is no promise in this verse of a complete conquest of the earth by the Gospel, but a wonderful picture of its spread and of its glorious effects in the lives of those who believe in Christ.

The next verse (62:1) shows the other phase of the Redeemer's work, that which is not complete until the Millennium and which is exerted principally in the great outpouring of His power at that time. His final rest is not attained until Zion and Jerusalem become a center of righteousness and a lamp which spreads its beams over the whole earth. This verse points to the consummation of the work of the Redeemer in the Millennium.

## **Isaiah 62**

We have noticed that the great section of the book of Isaiah which runs from Isaiah 56:9 to 63:6 ends with a long passage of blessing (59:15b-63:6). We observed that this passage has what might be called an envelope structure (or "chiastic"): its first part corresponds to its last part, its second to the second from the end, and so on. It may be outlined as follows:

- A. God's Sovereign Interposition to Overthrow His Adversaries. 59:15b-19a.