

Chrisco Church Thika-The Joyful Assembly

Youth Service, 15th September 2024

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Preacher: Bro. Levi G. Karugu

Theme: Joy Of the Redeemed

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Introduction

The sermon, entitled "Joy to the Redeemed: Restoration," is based on Isaiah 35:1-10. The preacher begins by recapping the message from Isaiah chapters 1-34, where the prophet warns of God's impending judgment for unrepented sin. However, chapter 35 shifts to a message of hope and restoration for the people of Israel.

1. Restoration and Joy:

Isaiah prophesies that the barren wilderness will blossom and rejoice when God restores His people, symbolizing spiritual revival and joy for the redeemed.

2. Strength and Courage:

Isaiah 35:3-4 encourages believers to be strong and not fear because God will come with vengeance to bring divine justice, especially for those who have endured hardship or spiritual barrenness.

3. Miracles of Renewal:

Verses 5-6 highlight that when God restores His people, the blind will see, the lame will leap, and the mute will sing for joy. This symbolizes spiritual healing and breakthroughs.

4. The Highway of Holiness:

Verse 8 describes a path called "The Highway of Holiness" reserved for the redeemed. Only those who are pure and walk in righteousness can journey on this path, safe from danger and protected by God.

5. Everlasting Joy:

In verses 9-10, the preacher emphasizes that those who walk in the path of holiness will experience everlasting joy, gladness, and freedom from sorrow, symbolizing eternal security and peace for believers.

Conclusion:

The sermon concludes by urging the youth to pursue holiness and righteousness, promising that God will restore them, bring joy, and protect them from harm as they walk the path of righteousness. Accepting Christ leads to spiritual growth, joy, and a life free of sorrow.