

**Reflection Questions:** How do I respond when I have the thought that God isn't listening or doesn't care about what I'm going through? Is this a biblical response? How can I incorporate Jesus as Redeemer into my Christmas celebrations this year?

How can I pray for our church and its people this week?



Isaiah 59:20

*Sermon*  
Notes

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### Quotes to Ponder

*Our culture has a sense that something is wrong with the world and that, despite our own failings, we have a responsibility to do something about it. We also know, if we are honest with ourselves, that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. Christianity gives the best diagnosis of the problem and offers the only hope for salvation.*

John McAteer

*People thirst for a story of redemption and salvation and we bear witness to the greatest true redemption story of all time: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

Christian Holmes

*Great was the work of creation, but greater the work of redemption; it cost more to redeem us than to make us; in the one there was but the speaking of a Word, in the other the shedding of blood. The creation was but the work of God's fingers. Redemption is the work of His arm.*

Thomas Watson

*Even in a Christian's life there comes a sense of discord when we have sinned against God and we have lost fellowship with Him when we sin. So sin separates us to the extent that we lose our fellowship with God. It does not separate us to the degree that we lose our relationship to Him in the family. But a Christian, who has sinned, is in separation from God in that limited sense.*

S. Lewis Johnson

*Again, the glory of one attribute is more seen in one work than in another: in some things there is more of His goodness, in other things more of His wisdom is seen, and in others more of His power. But in the work of redemption all His perfections and excellencies shine forth in their greatest glory.*

Thomas Boston

1. What God Saw

2. What God Did

3. What God Gave

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. How can there be a God of love, wisdom, and power when there is human suffering? If we loved someone and had the power to end their suffering, wouldn't we do it? Explain.

3. Read *Isaiah 59:2*. In what ways does sin separate us from God? What Scripture backs up your answer?

4. Read *Isaiah 59:14-19*. What do you think about this image of God as a Divine Warrior? How does this fit with Jesus being the Good Shepherd (*John 10:11*)?

5. What is the relationship between the armor of God Christians are told to put on by Paul in *Ephesians 6:11-17* and the armor which the Redeemer-Warrior wears in *Isaiah 59:17*? Similarities? Differences?

6. Who initiated our redemption from the slavery to sin (*Ephesians 2:4-5*)?

7. What does our redemption deliver us from according to these verses?  
*Romans 6:11, 14* —                      *Colossians 1:13-14* —

*Galatians 1:4* —

*Hebrews 2:14-15* —

*Ephesians 1:7* —

*1 John 5:19-20* —

8. If Jesus has truly redeemed us from all this, are there areas of our lives in which we could more fully realize this to be true? How?

9. How certain is our redemption according to *1 Peter 1:18-21*?

10. What do the following verses teach about our Redeemer and/or our redemption?

*Job 19:25* —

*Isaiah 54:5* —

*Isaiah 41:14* —

*Isaiah 63:16* —

*Isaiah 44:6, 24* —

*Jeremiah 50:34* —

*Isaiah 47:4* —

*Mark 10:45* —

*Isaiah 48:17* —

*Romans 3:24* —

*Isaiah 49:7* —

*1 Corinthians 1:30-31* —

*Isaiah 50:34* —

*Hebrews 9:12, 15* —