

What Revival Looks Like
How Revival Acts
Acts 26:19-32



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(a) Faithful in His Preaching, 26:19-21

i. His Option, 26:19

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1 Sam. 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in **obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.**

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and **what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**

Jn. 14:15 **If ye love me, keep my commandments. ...**

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

1 Jn. 5:3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**

ii. His Opportunities, 26:20

Acts 26:20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should **repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.**

iii. His Opposition, 26:21

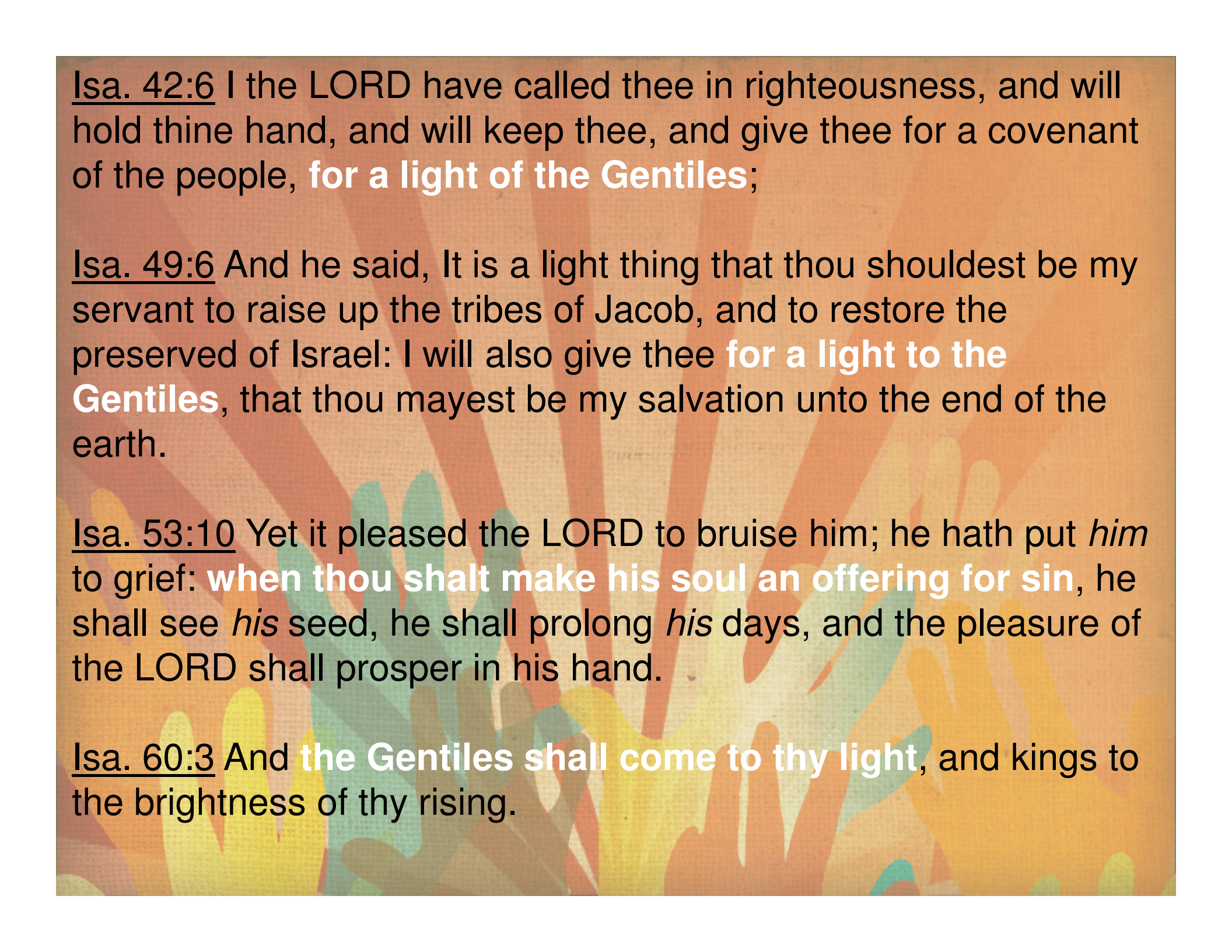
Acts 26:21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill *me*.

(b) Fundamental in His Preaching, 26:22

Acts 26:22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those **which the prophets and Moses did say should come:**

(c) Factual in His Preaching, 26:23

Acts 26:23 That Christ should suffer, *and* that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.



Isa. 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, **for a light of the Gentiles**;

Isa. 49:6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee **for a light to the Gentiles**, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Isa. 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: **when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin**, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa. 60:3 And **the Gentiles shall come to thy light**, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

c. Paul's Courtesy, 26:24-26

(1) The Rudeness of Festus, 26:24

Acts 26:24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

Original Word: μαίνομαι

Transliteration: mainomai

Definition: to rage, be mad

Usage: I am raving mad, speak as a madman.

maínomai (the root of the English terms, "maniac" and "mania") – to rave, full of inner rage (fury); to act as though out of one's senses – getting *so mad* (angry) it amounts to acting "*mad*" (temporarily deranged). <https://biblehub.com/greek/3105.htm>

Jn. 10:20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is **mad**;
why hear ye him?

(2) The Rebuke of Festus, 26:25-26

(a) It Was Prompt, 26:25a “But he said,
I am not mad...”

(b) It Was Polite, 26:25b “...most noble
Festus...”

(c) It Was Persuasive, 26:25c-26
“...but speak forth **the words of truth and
sobriety**. 26 For the king knoweth of these things,
before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded
that none of these things are hidden from him; for
this thing was not done in a corner.”

Original Word: ἐπίσταμαι

Transliteration: epistamai

Usage: I know, know of, understand.

epístamai (from *epí*, "fitting on," which intensifies *hístēmi*, "stand") – properly, *standing upon*, referring to **gaining knowledge by prolonged acquaintance**, i.e. *sustained, personal* effort. For the believer, this careful study (observation) *builds on* taking a stand that Scripture *is the Word of God* (note the *epi*, "on"). (*epistamai*) in antiquity meant, "skilled in handicraft" (M. Vincent) – referring to knowledge **"resulting from prolonged practice"** (Thayer, 118).]

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1987.htm>

“to put one's attention on, fix one's thoughts on, to turn one's self or one's mind to, put one's thought upon a thing”

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strong=G1987&t=KJV>

d. Paul's Courage, 26:27-29

(1) The Sudden Thrust, 26:27

Acts 26:27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

(2) The Side-stepped Threat, 26:28

Acts 26:28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, **Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.**

(3) The Single Theme, 26:29

Acts 26:29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

3.How the Court was Convinced, 26:30-32

a. The Dismissal, 26:30

Acts 26:30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:

b. The Discussion, 26:31-32

(1) Paul Was Unquestionably Innocent of the Crime, 26:31

Acts 26:31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

(2) Paul Was Unfortunately Involved with the Courts, 26:32

Acts 26:32 Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

Conclusion

1 Thess. 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having **received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:**

7 So that ye were **ensamples to all that believe** in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how **ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;**

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.