

Tanya Howze – Lesson 8

Isaiah 43:1-7

What is one new thing you learned or idea to which you were exposed?

This portion of scripture is powerful to me because it reminds me of one of the thousands of promises that the Lord has made to his people. It specifies that God declares his intention to deliver his people from their distress and to use them as his witnesses against the idols (Oswalt, 478). These verses are a prophecy or a promise to Israel from God that He would bring them back to the land they once possessed. God assures us that He will redeem us when we pass through difficulties as given in these verses such as water, rivers, and fire.

God is promising his people that he will be with them through whatever they go through. If we, His people, know that he is a God that can do anything but fail (Luke 18:27), then we should believe and have faith that God will get us through anything. These particular verses (1-7) speak of God's deliverance. An underlying logic is that if the Babylonians had taken the people against God's will then there is no way that he would have been able to take them back. We see, however, that this is not the case because God is the one who sent them into exile and he is able to get them back whenever he chooses (Oswalt, 480).

Many times, we tend to put limitations on God and put him in a box. We fail to remember that God can do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us (Ephesians 3:20). The text tells us that because God created them than he can redeem them (Oswalt, 480). That holds true to everything that took place from Genesis to current and present day and forever more. God is the ruler, the author and the finisher and the alpha and omega. Many times people think that when "bad" things happen that it doesn't come from God however God does allow misfortunes to happen. Many times he allows these things to happen so that it can draw us closer to him and for us to be in his presence.