

Why Isaiah 41:10 Became Such A Beloved Verse

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According to a recent report by YouVersion, Isaiah 41:10 has emerged as the most highlighted, bookmarked, and shared Bible verse globally. But why does this ancient promise continue to resonate so deeply with people across the world?

"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." — Isaiah 41:10

The Context: Isaiah's Prophetic Mission

Isaiah was a prophet who lived through the reigns of four kings of Judah. God chose him to proclaim a message of repentance to the people of Israel, warning that judgment would follow if they refused to turn from their sins. The warning was clear: unless they turned back to worship the one true God, Jerusalem would be conquered and the people exiled. Yet, Isaiah's message often fell on deaf ears. It was even recorded that King Ahaz committed the horrific act of burning his son as a sacrifice to Molech (2 Kings 16:3) — something detestable in God's eyes.

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Hope Amidst Judgment

But God did not give up on His people.

Amidst the warnings of judgment, He also gave glimpses of His salvation plan — especially in Isaiah 53:3–12, where He foretold the coming of the Messiah. This suffering servant would redeem His people through death and rise again victorious. It is in this broader context of God's redemptive plan that Isaiah 41:10 offers strength to the faithful.

A Message of Comfort

The verse speaks to those enduring trials, hardships, and persecution: Fear not. Do not be discouraged. Why? Because God — the great and mighty Yahweh — promises to strengthen, help, and uphold His people. Even in exile, they were not alone. They were called to look forward to the coming Messiah who would ultimately deliver them from sin and lead them to everlasting life.

Does This Promise Apply to Us Today?

But does this promise apply to us today, especially to Gentiles? The answer is a resounding yes. The Apostle Paul, in Romans 11:17, writes that Gentiles who believe in Jesus Christ are grafted into God's family. We now share in the promises made to Israel, including the hope and assurance found in Isaiah 41:10.

The Fulfillment Through Christ

What a privilege we have today — to look back and see how Isaiah's prophecy in chapter 53 was fulfilled in the gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God's promise: the One who paid the penalty for sin on the cross, who redeems His people and grants them eternal life.

A Word to the Suffering and the Seeking

So, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you

are facing hardship, suffering, or uncertainty, take heart in the words of Isaiah 41:10. God will strengthen you. He will help you. He will uphold you. Therefore, do not fear. As Romans 8:37–38 reminds us, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

And for those who have not yet placed their faith in Jesus Christ, this promise can be yours too. If you receive by faith the gift of salvation, you too will be upheld by the righteous right hand of God.

Why This Verse Resonates

This, I believe, is why Isaiah 41:10 has become the most cited, bookmarked, and shared Bible verse globally. Because in our fear-filled world, it offers unshakable hope.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English focusing on Speaking Practice.

Dates: 18 Jul - 29 Aug (7 weekly sessions)

Time: 2.00pm - 3.00pm (lessons),

3.00pm - 3.30pm (refreshments)

Venue: Light 2 Auditorium (L3)

Please contact Sue @ 9776 1377 to register and for more details. Registration closes Sun, 13 Jul.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

SILVER JOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. Silver Joy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support. Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

Date: Weds, excluding the 5th Wed of the month

Time: Refer to the table below

Yenue: Gospel Light Christian Church Upcoming events coming your way.

Date	Programme
23 Jul	Rummikub Game (9.00am - 12.00pm)

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF LUKE

We will take a break and class will resume on Tue, 5 Aug. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 5 Aug

ATime: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761



LOOKING FOR AFTER-SCHOOL CARE YOU CAN TRUST?

ShineKidz, our church-based student care centre, is hosting an **Open House!**

If you're a parent of a primary schooler—or know one—don't miss this chance to explore a caring after-school environment where kids thrive:

Our services include:

- Homework supervision
- Caring guidance
- Weekly Bible Teaching
- Seasonal events & fun-filled activities

Invite your friends, family, and colleagues to check us out!

- Date: Sat, 23 Aug
- Orientation 1 Time: 2.00pm 3.30pm
- Orientation 2 Time: 3.30pm 5.00pm
 - Venue: Light Auditorium (L3)

If you want to find out more, <u>email</u> ShineKidz.

HELP BRING SOMEONE TO WORSHIP

Do you know someone with special needs who wants to attend church but faces mobility challenges? Whether it's a neighbour, friend, or family member, we want to help make it possible for them to join us in person for worship.

If you know someone who would benefit from transport assistance, drop us an email to make arrangements.

HEALTH SCREENING FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS

Calling domestic workers and their friends to join our annual health screening. We encourage employers in our congregation to release their helpers for the health screening. Appended are the details

Date: Sun, 31 Aug

____Time: 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Venue: Foyer (L1)

Calling doctors, nurses and general volunteers for the event. To register please message CE hotline: 9753 7964

""BUILD UP!": KIDS BIBLE CAMP 2025

Join in the ultimate construction zone—where we're not just building skyscrapers or towers, but lives grounded on Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone! We'll discover how Jesus is the firm foundation we can trust, and anyone who builds their life on Jesus will never be put to shame (1 Peter 2:6). Come join us for some building fun!

Date: 12 & 13 Sep 2025 (Fri & Sat)

©Time: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Venue: Gospel Light Christian Church

∠Sign-up here

Registration closes, Sun, 27 Jul (or until slots are filled)

For children in Primary 1 to 5

- > Highlights Include
 - Exciting games
 - Bible storytelling & small group huddles
 - Building friendships in a safe, welcoming space

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity for your child to learn about Jesus, make new friends, and have an unforgettable time! Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up soon!

PUNGGOL SHORE RACIAL HARMONY DAY

Volunteer to support our Community
Engagement (CE) teams to engage Punggol
Shore residents at this annual carnival:

Date: Sun, 27 Jul

©Time: 11.00am - 5.00pm

Venue: Punggol 21 Community Club

Briefing: Thu, 24 Jul, 8.30 pm via zoom

Register via CE hotline 9753 7964 with your full name, mobile and email.

Prayer Meetings

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16



Wednesday 8PM | HALL 3 (ATTIC LEVEL)



Sunday 7.45AM | CRY ROOM SHINE AUDITORIUM LEVEL 4



Prayer List
WE CAN ONLY MOVE FORWARD
AS A CHURCH BY PRAYER.
SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY
PRAYER LIST



Bereavement
WE MOURN WITH MEMBERS
WHO'VE LOST LOVED ONES.
(ROM. 12:15) STAY UPDATED
ON CHURCH BEREAVEMENT
NOTICES.



English @Shine Auditorium (L4)
Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Chinese @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Filipino @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 2.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 2.00pm

Youth @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Saturday at 4.30pm
Subscribe to our announcement channel on
WhatsApp or Telegram.



Varsity @Light 1 and Light 2 (L3)
Sunday at 2.30pm *no service on 5th week
of the month
Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel

Bahasa @Hall 1 (L2)
Every alternate Sunday 10.30am
For more info, please contact
9117 6000 / 9628 5061

Telugu @Gospel Auditorium (L2) Sunday at 5.00pm and 7.30pm <u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 5.30pm



PLAYGROUP

(12 - 35 months) @ Hall 3 (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

PRESCHOOL

(36 months - 6 years) @ Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am and 12.00pm

PRIMARY

(Primary 1 - 6)

@ Light Auditorium (L3)

Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm*

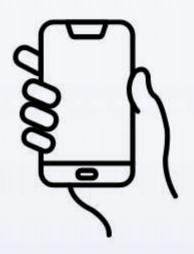
*12.00pm service held at Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic)

Join our Whatsapp community
for regular updates

Contact us if you're interested to explore serving in Children's Ministry!



FULL GIVING DETAILS HERE



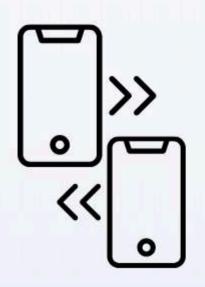
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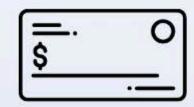
Scan With Your Bank App

All offerings will be directed to the "General" fund. State "Missions" in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section if you wish to designate the offering to our mission work.

Giving Online



> Internet Banking Transfer DBS Bank 033-021695-5



> Cheque Make Payable to: "Gospel Light Christian Church" Write "<u>Offerings</u>" behind.

For internet banking transfer, indicate "General" or "Mission" to designate where the offering goes to

For cheques, you can further indicate on the reverse: "General Fund" 033-021695-5 or "Missions Fund" 001-042653-2.

Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.