

**Promises to Refresh Our Spirits:  
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- Ever tempted to revival by the quick fix, we lack genuine spiritual refreshment because we do not know and build on the promises of God. Lasting solutions require solid foundations.

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- As OT “promise theologian” Isaiah’s vision of the Holy One, his redefined Messianic expectations, and promises of restored glory make clear that renewal is every a goal, never a method.

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- Isaiah as “promise theologian”
- Isaiah’s prophecy as a continuing reaffirmation of the promise of God to Abraham
- Isaiah 40-66
- Goals:
  - see God more clearly
  - renew our commitment to righteousness
  - seek God’s glory

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- Promise and blessing in the OT as a canonical center
- The foundations of the promise
  - God’s power and greatness
  - God’s purpose in the coming Messiah
  - God’s presence among his people

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- From creation to Abraham
- From patriarchal promises to the Law
- From Abraham to David
- The place of the sapiential and prophetic literature in relationship to the promise

**Promises to Refresh Our Spirits:  
Envisioning the Universal God**

- Isaiah 40-48
- God’s goodness and glory
- God’s compassion and wisdom
- God’s greatness and worth
- God’s power and control
- God’s continuing strength

### Promises to Refresh Our Spirits: Envisioning the Universal God

- Isaiah 40-48
- 41:9-10, past-present-future
- 42:6-9, greatness--goodness--glory
- 43:1ff, creation--redemption--possession
- 43:14, Lord--Redeemer--Holy One

### Promises to Refresh Our Spirits: Anticipating the Universal Savior

- Isaiah 49-57
- The Suffering Servant songs
- The application to both Israel and the coming Messiah
- 49:5-7, creation--restoration--glory
- Emphasis on righteousness
- 52:7ff, reigning--redemption--glory
- 54:5, maker--redeemer--glory

### Promises to Refresh Our Spirits: Accepting the Universal Promise

- Isaiah 58-66
- Eschatological newness
- 58-59, new repentance
- 60, new dwelling, new order
- 62, new city inhabited by a new people
- 63, new presence
- In the new, all is renewed.

### Promises to Refresh Our Spirits: Accepting the Universal Promise

- Isaiah 58-66
- The new exodus leads to a new rest under a new leader.
- With a clear vision of the Holy One of Israel--the Branch, the Emmanuel, Isaiah's message is one of judgment and warning amidst promises of deliverance and blessing in a restored Zion.

### Promises to Refresh Our Spirits: Applying the Text to Our Lives

- The foundation of renewal is seeing (hearing and believing), following (obeying), and accepting God's person, power, and promise.
- The solution is not in gadgets and programs.
- The solution is in a renewed commitment to the Word of God.

### Promises to Refresh Our Spirits (suggestions for application)

- Invitation vs. Demand
- Promises vs. Judgment
- Preaching the gospel of power, purpose, and presence
- The progressive purposes of God
- A sermon or class, short series, longer series