

## **Isaiah 54**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Isaiah 54:1-3.
- B. “Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.” (William Carey)
- C. Most people are asking for peanuts when they should be asking for continents.

### II. Isaiah 54.

- A. The small and the barren are the ones that are supposed to sing because God has something in mind for them.
- B. The weak can expand only by faith in anticipation of what God will do.
- C. The reason for enlargement in the ministry is because the people will break forth and expand.
- D. There is room for expansion and “inhabitation.”

### III. A word for the Navigators from the text.

- A. The word: “sing.”
- B. “Let them stretch.”
  - 1. You are a tent in which God dwells. We ought to let our lives cover more territory in the mission.
    - a. This requires an enlarged heart.
    - b. This requires an enlarged vision.
    - c. This requires enlarged faith.
  - 2. The things that stretch us are the things that come up day after day.
- C. “The tents of the curtains of their inhabitation.” If we have something left, we ought to give it to God.
- D. “Let them spare not.”
  - 1. The people God used are those who have served Him whole-heartedly.

2. Mediocrity is the curse of our day. The Scripture is not calling us to “take it easy.”

3. Get the facts straight.

4. Believe the promises of God. This is strengthening the stakes and is the reason for the Navigator ministry.

5. God wants us to remind Him of His promises.

E. “You will break forth from the right and for the left.”

1. Whatever this is for you will be individually tailored, but it will be wonderful and good.

2. How it works out is God’s business. Your dedication and yielded-ness is your business.

F. “Sing.” We can sing because of what Christ has done for us. (Isaiah 53)

**Application questions**

1. Why should we have great expectations in our ministry?

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2. What does “stretching” require?

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3. On what basis can we “sing” in every circumstance? Do you find yourself able to do this? Why or why not?

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