

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

The big question and the big picture is how beautiful are those who bring good news, who does that refer to? It refers to those who are the messengers. They are us, we who have received the good news and carry it to others. We do not have a stale faith but an active faith. The feet refer to the feet that feet themselves are not beautiful but they carry a diverse group of people from many countries, with many languages, with many different walks of life who all come together, united in purpose and determination as evidenced by the mountains and obstacles we must climb.

Do we realize that presently we are actually flooded by negativity? Rather than the rain of Noah's day, we have an ark that buoys us. That safety and refuge is the good news of the risen Christ. It is those who proclaim shalom (peace in the midst of turmoil). It is those who bring good tidings. That is good news.

Proclaim means the act of declaring a message. That message is salvation. Because of Christ, salvation is accessible to all but we won't hear it if no one preaches it. We desperately need to hear John 3:16-17. It is an imperative to share or proclaim.

"Our God reigns" is another way of saying that God has ultimate authority and sovereignty over all creation. It is a present-day reality and a future hope.

I love the portion that we are sheep who listen to our shepherd. Do you remember the Hymn Savior Like a Shepherd Leads Us?

"Savior like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care. In thy pleasant pastures feed us for your use, thy folds prepare. Thou has bought us, Thine we are."