

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

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Isaiah

Holy Living

Lesson # 2 The Day of the Lord

INTRODUCTION

Do you think peace is a real potential or an unattainable ideal caused by humanity's sinfulness?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read Isaiah 2:1-5

Note: "The Hebrews believed that Yahweh was both a God of mercy and a God of justice, rendering people their due: salvation to the righteous and damnation to the unrighteous. For centuries they saw God's justice enacted in history; Yahweh not only punished Israel's enemies at the time of the Conquest and during David's reign but also punished his own people's apostasy by deporting the ten northern tribes and later the two southern tribes" .¹ The Day of the Lord will bring doom and deliverance, depending on your relationship to God. Mount Zion, the center of Jerusalem, is understood as the center of God's activity.

1. How does Isaiah describe the ideal Jerusalem? Vv 2-5
2. Why are so many people coming to the temple?
3. Who will be coming? **Zech 14:16; Isa 56:7; 57:13**
4. What will God do for them?

Read Isaiah 2:6-22

5. How is the ideal Jerusalem different from the real Jerusalem?
6. Where did the people go to hide from God? Why? Where do they go today?
7. What will God do for (to) the proud and arrogant?
8. Why do people trust man (technology, science, gold, govern., etc.) rather than trusting God? v. 22
9. What are some of our American idols?
10. How can you responsively plan for the future and still trust in God?
11. What is meant by the last days? **Gen 49:1; Acts 2:17-21; Heb 1:2**
12. When do you think the era of peace will be fulfilled?

APPLICATION

How are you preparing for the Day of the Lord?

God created humanity in His image (Gn 1:26), and the psalmist affirmed that God crowned man with glory (Ps 8:5). Isaiah was not speaking about a person's intrinsic worth or importance in God's eyes. The issue here was reliance on other people who might not be realizing the dignity God had conferred on the human race. Isaiah was only reminding people that they should not trust in gold, armies, idols (vv. 7-8), other proud people (vv. 11, 12, 17), or the structures people erect to give them security (vv. 15-16). God alone is worthy of trust; relying on human devices is a waste of time.²

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